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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER KURT WALDHEIM:

1. QTE THANK FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F KENNEDY. YOUR
SYMPATHY IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT
HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER KURT WALDHEIM.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS FOREIGN MINISTER KURT WALDHEIM'S
MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.

QTE DEEPLY GRIVED BY THE TRAGIC PASSING AWAY OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND BY THE GREAT LOSS SUFFERED BY THE
AMERICAN NATION. I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY
SINCEREST SYMPATHY. KURT WALDHEIM FEDERAL MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA. UNQTE. RUSK

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FM KURT WALDHEIM FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
TO HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHDC

UNCLAS DEEPLY GRIEVED BY THE TRAGIC PASSING AWAY OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY AND BY THE GREAT LOSS SUFFERED BY THE AMERICAN
NATION I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF MY SINCEREST
SYMPATHY .

KURT WALDHEIM FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA.

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S MR SHLAUDEMANN
EUR MR BEAUDRY

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMCONSUL NASSAU

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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR FROM SECRETARY:
"THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE
DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF
NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. I SHALL, AS YOU REQUEST,
TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S
FAMILY."

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOVERNOR. RUSK

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EUR/RPE AKATZ

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO VICE PRESIDENT
BARRE

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY
AT THIS TIME FOR NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY VICE PRESIDENT BARRE.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS VICE PRESIDENT BARRE'S MESSAGE TO THE
SECRETARY. QTE I AM PROFOUNDLY AGGRIEVED OVER THE EVENTS WHICH
HAVE SO UNHAPPILY TAKEN PLACE DURING MY BRIEF VISIT TO THE
UNITED STATES. WITH MY FELLOW EUROPEANS, I SHARE DEEP SYMPATHY
FOR THE LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
TRAGIC LOSS OF A SPLENDID AND DEDICATED AMERICAN, ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. YOURS TRULY, RAYMOND BARRE UNQTE. RUSK

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S/S:MRS. DAVIS

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC ATTACK WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.

QTE DEEPLY MOVED BY THE ATTACK AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. I CONVEY TO YOU MY MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR A PROMPT RECOVERY. I RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. TOMAS GUILLERMO ELIO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOLIVIA. UNQTE. RUSK

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FM TOMAS GUILLERMO ELIO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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AL EXCELENTISIMO SENOR DEAN RUSK
SECRETARIO DE ESTADO
WASHINGTON DC

PROFUNDAMENTE CONMOVIDO POR ATENTADO SUFRIDO POR
HONORABLE SENADOR ROBERT F KENNEDY HAGOLE LLEGAR MIS MAS
SINCEROS VOTOS DE UNA PRONTA RECUPERACION REITERO A
VUENTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SEGURIDADES DE MI MAS DISTINGUIDA
CONSIDERACION

TOMAS GUILLERMO ELIO
MINISTRO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE BOLIVIA

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S/S -MR. PARKER

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY RIO DE JANEIRO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER.

1. QTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQTE.

2. DEPT. DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO SECRETARY. QTE. DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, I PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN THE NAME OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME, OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES. JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQTE. RUSK

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/BRAZILIAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC DEATH OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
I PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, IN THE NAME OF THE BRAZILIAN
GOVERNMENT AND IN MY OWN NAME, OUR MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES.

JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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FM JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO MINISTRO DAS RELACOES EXTERIORES
TO SENHOR DEAN RUSK WASHDC

UNCLAS PROFUNDAMENTE EMOCIONADO COM O TRAGICO DESAPARECIMENTO DO
SENHOR ROBERT KENNEDY, APRESENTO A VOSSA EXCELENCIA, EM
NOME DO GOVERNO BRASILEIRO E NO MEU PROPRIO, A EXPRESSAO
DE NOSSO GRANDE PESAR.

JOSE DE MAGALHAES PINTO MINISTRO DAS RELACOES EXTERIORES
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S/S:MR PARKER

R 182205Z JUN 68
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN SENT ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY
TO AMBASSADOR NSANZE:

2. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCES
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY
AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

3. QTE I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS.
KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SINCERELY, ACTING
ASSISTANT SECRETARY QUIMBY. UNQTE.

4. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE FOREGOING BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION SHOULD GRB WISH DO SO.

5. FOLLOWING IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF AMBASSADOR NSANZE'S
MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

6. QTE PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED BY THE DASTARDLY ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR KENNEDY, AN EMINENT SPOKESMAN FOR WORLD PEACE AND A
GREAT PATRIOT. IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF BURUNDI, I SEND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND TO THE STRICKEN FAMILY A MESSAGE OF SINCERE CONDOLENCE.
THIS LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BECAUSE OF
SENATOR KENNEDY'S FERVENT DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF MANKIND.
VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. AMBASSADOR TERENCE NSANZE. UNQTE.

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FM AMBASSADOR TERENCE NSANZE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

PROFOUNDLY AFFECTED BY THE DASTARDLY ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY, AN EMINENT SPOKESMAN FOR WORLD PEACE AND A GREAT PATRIOT, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI, I SEND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE STRICKEN FAMILY A MESSAGE OF SINCERE CONDOLENCE. THIS LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY FELT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD BECAUSE OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S FERVENT DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF MANKIND.

VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION

AMBASSADOR TERENCE NSANZE

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FM AMBASSADEUR TERENCE NSANZE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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SON EXCELLENCE M LE SECRETAIRE SETAT
PROFONDEMENT EMU PAR IGNOBLE ASSASSINAT SENATEUR
KENNEDY IMMINANT APOLOGUE DE LA PAIX ENTRE NATIONS ET COMPATRIOTE
AU NOM GOUVERNEMENT REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI JJADRESSE AU GOUVERNEMENT
DES ETATS-UNIS ET A FAMILLE ATTERREE MESSAGE VIVES CONDOLEANCES
CONSIDERANT CETTE PERTE LOURDEMENT RESSENTIE A TRAVERS GLOBE
EN VERTU SA REMARQUABLE DEVOTION A LA CAUSE DE LUHUMANITE.
STOP TRES HAUTE CONSITERATION.
AMBASSADEUR
TERENCE NSANZE

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JUN 17 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolences on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
Terence Nsanze,
Ambassador of the Republic of Burundi,
1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW,
Suite 1114,
Washington, DC

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AFCM - Mr. McKesson

EUR

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary has asked that I convey our deep appreciation for your letter of June 6 regarding the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and for the various messages you transmitted on behalf of your government.

For your information, I am enclosing copies of replies from the President to the Prime Minister and the Governor General, respectively, as well as a message from Secretary Rusk to Minister Sharp.

As of this date, we have not received the text of the Vice President's response to Speaker Smith.

Sincerely yours,

Rufus Z. Smith
Director for Relations
with Canada

Enclosures

His Excellency
A. E. Ritchie,
Ambassador of Canada,
Washington.

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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER

"I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful expression of sympathy over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

"It is comforting to know that the grief and sense of loss experienced by all Americans in recent days is shared by your countrymen. I am particularly appreciative of your designation of Lester B. Pearson, one of Canada's most distinguished citizens, as your personal representative at the Senator's funeral. I shall convey your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family."

TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GENERAL

"The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

"The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. I shall transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family."

TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY RUSK TO MINISTER SHARP

"Thank you for your thoughtful message of
condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow
is deeply appreciated."



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S/S MR PARKER

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO EXTAFF SEC SHARP:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QTE I WANTED TO SEND YOU A PERSONAL WORD TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE WAS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING ABILITY, WHO HAD MANY PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH CANADA AND HIS LOSS IS A TRAGIC BLOW FOR US ALL. WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE LOST A GOOD FRIEND. MITCHELL SHARP UNQTE. RUSK

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AF: MR AHDSEL

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY FORT LAMY

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PASS FOL MSG FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER BAROUM:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQTE

2. QTE I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

3. DEPT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MSG, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FONMIN.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FONMINS MSG TO THE SEC.

QTE HAVING LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS MY VERY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND BEG YOU TO CONVEY TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY THAT WITH DEEP SORROW I SHARE THEIR GRIEF. DR. JACQUES BAROUM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNQTE. RUSK

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FM FOREIGN OFFICE/FORTLAMU/CHAD
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

UNCLAS AFF ET PRTO

HAVING LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
I HAVE THE HONOR TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND REQUEST THAT
YOU CONVEY TO THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY.

DR. JACQUES BAROUM

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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FM FOREIGN/OFFICE/FORTLAMY/CHAD

TO SECSTATE/WASHDC

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UNCLAS AFF.ET.PRTO

AYANT APPRIS LA DISPARITION TRAGIQUE DU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY
HONNEUR VOUS ADRESSER MES TRES VIVES CONDOLEANCES ET VOUS PRIE
D'ETRE MON INTERPRETE AUPRES DA LA FAMILLE DU DEFUNT POUR LUI
DIRE QUE JE PARTAGE PROFONDEMENT SA DOULEUR

DR JACQUES BAROUM

LE MINISTRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

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ARA:REGINA ELTZ

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO MINISTER ZEA

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC ATTACK WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY MINISTER ZEA.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.

QTE IN THE NAME OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP REGRET FOR THE DESPICABLE OUTRAGE OF WHICH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE VICTIM AND AT THE SAME TIME OUR MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR HIS FULL RECOVERY. UNQTE

QTE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. GERMAN ZEA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA UNQTE.
RUSK

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA
TO SECSTATE, WASH. D.C.

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

411 IN THE NAME OF THE COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, I
EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP REGRET FOR THE DESPICABLE
OUTRAGE OF WHICH SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE VICTIM AND
AT THE SAME TIME OUR MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR HIS FULL
RECOVERY.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

GERMAN ZEA

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF COLOMBIA

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FM AMBASSADOR CYRILLA ADOULA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

I WAS APPALLED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES, WHICH I
SEND YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

HIGH CONSIDERATION
AMBASSADOR ADOULA

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FM AMBASSADEUR ADOULA
TO MONSIEUR DEAN RUSK SECRETAIRE DE DEPT OF STATE WASHDC

UNCLAS VIVEMENT CONSTERNE APPRENANT DECES TRAGIQUE SENATEUR ROBERT
KENNEDY STOP VOUS PRIE VOULOIR BIEN ACCEPTER EXPRESSION CONDOLEANCES
EMUES QUE VOUS ADRESSE AU NOM GOUVERNEMENT ET PEUPLE CONGOLAIS
STOP HAUTE CONSIDERATION STOP
AMBASSADEUR ADOULA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO VICE MINISTER
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. WE WERE
GRATEFUL FOR THE KIND HELP AND UNDERSTANDING OFFERED BY YOUR
DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER AS THEY SHARED
WITH US OUR TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW, AND WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE
YOUR OWN EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY. UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOCR.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF VICE MINISTER'S
MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QTE ACCEPT EXCELLENCY, THIS EXPRESSION OF THE GRIEF SO DEEPLY
FELT BY THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA, WHO
SHARE THE SORROW OF YOUR NATION AND ITS GOVERNMENT OVER THE
DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. LUIS DOBLES SANCHEZ,
ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. UNQTE
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ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. UNQTE
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FM ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/COSTA RICA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THIS EXPRESSION OF THE GRIEF SO DEEPLY
FELT BY THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA, WHO SHARE THE
SORROW OF YOUR NATION AND ITS GOVERNMENT OVER THE DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

LUIS DOBLES SANCHEZ

ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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AFECTA PROFUNDAMENTE AL PUEBLO Y AL GOBIERNO DE COSTARICA
COMA HERMANADOS ASI EN EL DOLOR CON LA NOBLE NACION AMERICA-
NA Y SU ILUSTRADO GOBIERNO POR EL FALLECIMIENTO DEL SENADOR
ROBERT F KENNEDY
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Dahomey

June 18, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. On behalf of the people of the United States, I express my deepest appreciation for your words of sympathy.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quinby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
Maxime-Leopold Zolner
Ambassador, Embassy of the
Republic of Dahomey

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FM THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF DAHOMAY (WASHDC)
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF DAHOMAY I WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR DEEP
CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT
KENNEDY.

HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

AMBASSADOR ZOLLNER

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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MINISTER HARTLING:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW
IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT
HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER. RUSK

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FM POUL HARTLING, FONMIN OF DENMARK
TO THE HON DEAN RUSK SECSTATE WASHDC

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ON BEHALF OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT I EXTEND TO YOU, MR.
SECRETARY, MY MOST DEEP-FELT CONDOLENCES ON THE TRAGIC
DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. I WISH TO ASSURE
YOU THAT MY SENSE OF GRIEVANCE IS SHARED BY MY FELLOW
COUNTRYMEN. POUL MARTLING, FOREIGN MINISTER OF DENMARK.

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TO AMEMBASSY QUITO

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1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.

QTE DEEPLY MOVED BY THE TRAGIC EVENT THAT HAS PLUNGED NOT ONLY THE KENNEDY FAMILY, YOUR COUNTRY, AND LATIN AMERICA BUT THE WHOLE DEMOCRATIC WORLD INTO MOURNING, I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONVEY TO YOU MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES WHICH, THROUGH YOU, I EXTEND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. SINCERELY, GUSTAVO LARREA CORDOVA UNQTE RUSK

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ECUADOR
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

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GUSTAVO LARREA CORDOVA
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OF ECUADOR)

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S/S

JUL 1 1968

His Excellency
Julio Adalberto Rivera
Ambassador of El Salvador

My Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary of State has asked me to express his gratitude for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Covey T. Oliver

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His Excellency
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State

With the greatest concern and astonishment I received the news of the attempt against the life of Senator Kennedy all my prayers went to the Almighty for his full recovery. The fatal outcome has filled me with the deepest of sorrows. The tragic death of Robert F. Kennedy constitutes an irretrievable loss for this great nation and for those of us throughout the world who love democracy. I also feel that the violent passing of such an outstanding public figure is a most despicable attack against democracy.

Julio A. Rivera
Ambassador of El Salvador



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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO THANK YOU AND YOUR WIFE FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

QTE MY WIFE AND I EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR HEARTFELT SORROW FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THAT GREAT AMERICAN, ROBERT F. KENNEDY. FRANCISCO JOSE GUERRERO UNQTE RUSK

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S/S-JWDAVIS
EUR-MR. BEAUDRY

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO DEBRE:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY DEBRE.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DEBRE'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.

QTE DEEPLY MOVED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S TRAGIC DEATH, I WISH, MR. SECRETARY, TO EXTEND TO YOURSELF AND TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, IN MY OWN NAME AND ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT, MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

QTE ONCE MORE, FRANCE TAKES PART IN THE DEEP SORROW THAT A CRUEL FATE IMPOSES UPON YOUR COUNTRY.

QTE ON THIS AFFLICTING CIRCUMSTANCE, PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. SECRETARY, TOGETHER WITH MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY, THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. MICHEL DEBRE UNQTE. RUSK

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

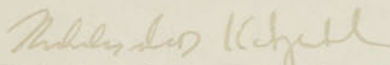
Secretary Rusk has asked me to tell you how much he appreciated your most kind and thoughtful letter at a time of such sorrow.

All Americans can feel comforted by the sympathy which the French people have extended on this occasion, and I know the Kennedy family has been consoled by your expressions of grief.

Sincerely,

S/S CMS

A True Copy


Nicholas deB. Katzenbach

His Excellency
Charles Lucet
Ambassador of France

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TO AMEMBASSY BONN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER BRANDT:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDO-
LENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.
YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY
APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN
MINISTER BRANDT'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QTE IN THIS DIFFICULT HOUR, IN WHICH ONE OF THE MOST
OUTSTANDING POLITICAL PERSONALITIES OF YOUR COUNTRY HAS FALLEN
VICTIM TO MURDER, I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, THAT WE
FEEL OURSELVES UNITED WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN COMMON
GRIEF AND INDIGNATION AT THIS REPREHENSIBLE ACT. MAY
THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, WHOM I WAS PRIVI-
LEGED TO LEARN TO KNOW AND APPRECIATE IN BERLIN, LEAD ALL
PEOPLES FINALLY TO THE SOBER REALIZATION THAT VIOLENT
FANATICISM IN A WORLD STRIVING FOR PEACE, IS NOT TO BE

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BRANDT. UNQTE
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GERMAN EMBASSY

Washington, D.C.

June 6, 1968

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Foreign Minister Brandt has asked me to transmit to you the following telegram:

"In this difficult hour, in which one of the outstanding political personalities of your country perished by a murderous attack, I should like to assure you that we feel united with the American people in common grief and indignation over this abhorrent act. May the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, whom I was privileged to meet and come to know and esteem in Berlin, at last engender among all peoples the realization that violence born of fanaticism must not be tolerated as a medium of political discussion in a world that is striving for peace.

Willy Brandt."

Sincerely yours

sgd. Knappstein

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Grenada

July 2, 1968

The Honorable
Robin E. L. Johnstone, M.V.O.
First Secretary, British Embassy
3100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Robin:

We have received the enclosed message of condolence from Premier Gairy of Grenada which has been transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy.

Since the Premier addressed his message to the President, I am enclosing a message of thanks on behalf of the President. I would be grateful if you could forward this message to Mr. Gairy through the appropriate channel.

Sincerely yours,

Edward T. Long
Director
Office of Caribbean Affairs

Enclosures:

1. Message from Premier Gairy to the President
2. Letter to Premier Gairy from Mr. Long

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S/S - Mr. Sheppard ✓

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ARA - Miss Eltz (sub.) *lc*

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July 2, 1968

The Honorable
Eric M. Gairy
Premier of Grenada
St. George's, Grenada

Dear Mr. Premier:

Thank you for your kind message of condolence on the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy which has been transmitted to Mrs. Kennedy. The President has asked me to express his gratitude for your words of sympathy.

Sincerely,

Edward T. Long
Director
Office of Caribbean Affairs



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S/S-JWDAVIS

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
SECRETARY.

1. QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY
AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
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TO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO TIBURCIO CARIAS CASTILLO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
2. QTE I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SINCERELY,
DEAN RUSK UNQTE
3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. RUSK

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/TEGUCIGALPA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK,
SECRETARY OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

NO. 28AJ. WITH DEEP EMOTION, I EXPRESS TO YOU, IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HONDURAS, HEARTFELT SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, A PROMINENT FIGURE IN AMERICAN POLITICS, THE SINCERE CHAMPION OF EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN, AND THE VALLANT AND STRONG PROTECTOR OF THE UNDERDEVELOPED PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. I BEG YOUR EXCELLENCY TO CONVEY THESE CONDOLENCES TO THE DISTINGUISHED FAMILY OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS DECEASED, WHOSE CLEARLY EXPRESSED IDEAS WILL GUIDE THE STEPS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ALONG THE PATH TOWARD LASTING PEACE AND HARMONY. I RENEW TO YOU THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

TIBURCIO CARIAS CASTILLO
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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EXCELENTISIMO SENOR DEAN RUSK SECRETARIO DE ESTADO WASHINGTONDC

NO. 28AJ PROFUNDAMENTE CONMOVIDO COMO EXPRESOLE EN NOMBRE
DEL GOBIERNO DE LA REPUBLICA DE HONDURAS COMO LAS MAS SENTIDAS
MUESTRAS DE PESAR POR LA TRAGICA MUERTE DL HONORABLE SENADOR
SENOR ROBERT F KENNEDY COMO FIGURA PROMINENTE DE LA POLITICA

NORTEAMERICANA COMO SINCERO ABANDERADO DE LA IGUALDAD ENTRE
CLOS HOMORES Y VALIENTE Y DECIDIDO PROTECTOR DE LOS PUEBLOS
SUBDESARROLLADOS DEL MUNDO PUNTO RUEGO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA
HACER EXTENSIVAS ESTAS MANIFESTACIONES DE CONDOLENCIA A LA
DISTINGUIDA FAMILIA DEL ILUSTRE DESAPARECIDO COMO CUYO DIAFANO
PENSAMIENTO GUIARA LOS PASOS DEILAS GENERACIONES FUTURAS
PARA ALCANTAR UNA PERMANENTE Y PACIFICA CONVIVENCIA PUNTO
REITEROLE SEGURIDADES CONSIDERACION MAS ALTA Y DISTINGUIDA
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IO - MR. STEIN

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USMISSION GENEVA

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FOR USDEL TO ILO

1. PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED TELEGRAM OF CONDOLENCE FROM DAVID MORSE OF ILO. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
2. QTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR WORDS OF SYMPATHY.
3. QTE THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE SHARES OUR GRIEF IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION. I SHALL TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY. SIGNED LYNDON B. JOHNSON. UNQTE.
4. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY ILO. RUSK

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EA - Mr. Bundy

signed & sent

June 18, 1968

EA/IND - Francis T. Underhill, Jr.

Condolences on the Death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Attached at Tab A for your signature is a letter to Indonesian Ambassador Soedjatmoko expressing appreciation for his message of condolence sent to the President on the occasion of Senator Kennedy's death.

The text of Ambassador Soedjatmoko's telegram to the President is at Tab B. This means of replying to the Ambassador was cleared with the White House via Read/Rostow channel at Tab C.

Attachments:

- Tab A - Letter to
Ambassador Soedjatmoko
- Tab B - Text of telegram from
Ambassador Soedjatmoko
- Tab C - Read/Rostow Memorandum

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JUN 26 1968

His Excellency
Soedjatmoko
Ambassador of the
Republic of Indonesia
Embassy of Indonesia
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The President has asked me to express his deepest appreciation for your message of sympathy on the occasion of the tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As you who have been in our midst during this sad time are aware, this tragedy has come as a great shock to all Americans.

Your message is a source of comfort and consolation, and at the President's request I am transmitting it to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the late Senator's family.

Sincerely,

William P. Bundy

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The President
The White House

Our hearts are filled with sorrow at the tragedy that has struck the American nation. Senator Robert Kennedy's untimely and cruel demise is a grievous loss not only to America but to the entire world. On behalf of the entire Indonesian diplomatic mission and the Indonesian community in the United States, I extend our deepest sympathies to you and through you to the government and people of the United States.

Soedjatmoko, Ambassador of Indonesia.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WALT W. ROSTOW
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Condolences on the Death of Senator
Robert F. Kennedy

Enclosed is a message to the President from Indonesian Ambassador Soedjatmoko in Washington expressing condolences with regard to the tragic death of Senator Kennedy.

It is proposed that Assistant Secretary Bundy reply to the Ambassador on behalf of the President, and a suggested reply for White House clearance is also enclosed. If you agree that this is appropriate, Mr. Bundy will respond directly to the Ambassador's message along the lines of the enclosed draft.

J. W. Davis
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Message from
Ambassador Soedjatmoko.
2. Suggested reply.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FORMIN MALIK:

1. QTE: Dear Mr. Minister:

2. QTE: Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. Sincerely,

Dean Rusk. NM UNQTE

3. Dept. does not plan to release, but has no objection to release by ~~RKXIH~~ Foreign Minister Malik.

4. B Following, FYI, is text of Malik's message to Secretary:

QTE: Deeply shocked by the sad news of the tragic demise of Senator Robert Kennedy, I hasten to extend to Your Excellency my sincere condolences. My thoughts are also very much with the family of the deceased, for whom ~~the~~ this loss is so great. May his soul rest in peace and may God the Almighty grant consolation to his family in their hour of bereavement. ~~Ministry~~ Adam Malik, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Rep. of Indonesia. UNQTE

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FM GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA (DJAKARTA)
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA STATE DEPARTMENT WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE SAD NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEMISE OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I HASTEN TO EXTEND TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES. MY THOUGHTS ARE ALSO
VERY MUCH WITH THE FAMILY OF THE DECEASED, FOR WHOM THIS
LOSS IS SO GREAT. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE AND MAY GOD
THE ALMIGHT GRANT CONSOLATION TO HIS FAMILY IN THEIR HOUR
OF BEREAVEMENT.

ADAM MALIK, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ZAHEDI:

1. QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK. UNQUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOI.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO SECRETARY.

QUOTE THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS A TERRIBLE SHOCK AND A SOURCE OF GREAT SORROW. I SHOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU MY DEEP CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY AND SAY THAT I SHARE WITH YOU THESE SAD MOMENTS. ARDESHIR ZAHEDI FOREIGN MINISTER OF IRAN. UNQUOTE. RUSK

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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

QTE SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QTE ALL FREE MEN AND NATIONS STAND APPALLED AT THE WICKED VIOLENCE THAT HAS COST A LIFE SO FULL OF ACHIEVEMENT AND POTENTIALITY. WE SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN NATION AT THE LOSS OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS STATESMAN AND OF THE STRICKEN FAMILY ON WHOM TRAGEDY HAS FALLEN AGAIN. RUSK

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FM MAJOR GENERAL YITZHAK RABIN AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
HIS EXCELLENCY ABBA EBAN ISRAEL MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
QUOTE ALL FREE MEN AND NATIONS STAND APPALLED AT THE WICKED
VIOLENCE THAT HAS COST A LIFE SO FULL OF ACHIEVEMENT AND
POTENTIALITY. WE SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN NATION
AT THE LOSS OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS STATESMAN AND OF THE
STRICKEN FAMILY ON WHOM TRAGEDY HAS FALLEN AGAIN UNQUOTE
MAJOR GENERAL YITZHAK RABIN AMBASSADOR OF ISRAEL

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TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
USHER:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR THE THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE FROM
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF IVORY COAST ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF
NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER USHER.
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FONMIN HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPT:

QUOTE:

LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE IVOIRIENS ONT APPRIS AVEC HORREUR ET INDIGNATION L'ODIEUX ATTENTAT QUI A COUTELA VIE AU SENATEUR ROBERT KENNEDY.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE PRESENTE SES CONDOLEANCES LES PLUS SINCERES AU GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET S'ASSOCIE AU DEUIL CREEL QUI ATTEINT LE GOUVERNEMENT ET LE PEUPLE AMERICAINS AINSI QU'UNE FAMILLE SI TRAGIQUEMENT EPROUVEE.

LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DE COTE D'IVOIRE PRIE LE GOUVERNEMENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE DES ETATS UNIS D'AGREER, EN CETTE DOULOUREUSE CIRCONSTANCE, L'EXPRESSION DE SES SENTIMENTS ATTRISTES.

UNQUOTE

EMBASSY TRANSLATION: QUOTE: THE IVORIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED WITH HORROR AND INDIGNATION OF THE ODIOUS ATTACK WHICH COST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HIS LIFE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST PRESENTS ITS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JOINS IN THE CRUEL SORROW WHICH HAS STRUCK THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AS WELL AS A FAMILY SO TRAGICALLY AFFLICTED.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IVORY COAST REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACCEPT THE EXPRESSION OF ITS SORROWFUL SENTIMENTS IN THIS PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCE.

DECON UPON RECEIPT. MORGAN

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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

2. WE DO NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QTE I HAVE LEARNED WITH PROFOUND GRIEF OF THE UNTIMELY AND UNFORTUNATE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, AND I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEP SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. UNQTE
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S/S: MR. PARKER

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: AMMAN 5256

PLEASE CONVEY TO PRIME MINISTER TALHOUNI THE DEEP APPRECIATION
OF THE USG FOR HIS KIND WORDS OF SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION
OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM HIM
THAT HIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN PASSED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY. RUSK

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TO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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REF: AMMAN 5219

PLEASE CONVEY TO FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I THE DEEP APPRECIATION
OF THE USG FOR HIS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR
KENNEDY AND ADVISE HIM HIS EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY CONVEYED
TO KENNEDY FAMILY. RUSK

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TO AMEMBASSY MASERU

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REF: MASERU 563

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY
AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PRIME MINISTER. RUSK

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GOL INFO DEPT ADVISES FOLLOWING TELS SENT TO SECRETARY
RUSK BY PRIMIN JONATHAN JUNE 5 AND 6, RESPECTIVELY:

1. QTE: MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE LEARNED WITH DISMAY
OF THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
THIS MORNING. WE CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE
THIS WANTON ACT OF BARBARISM AIMED AT DEPRIVING YOUR COUNTRY,
ITS PEOPLES AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL OF THE SERVICES OF A
GREAT MAN. IN WISHING THE SENATOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY, WE
CANNOT FAIL TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT NO RPT NO EFFORT
WILL BE SPARED IN APPREHENDING AND DEALING EXPEDITIOUSLY
WITH THE CULPRIT AND THAT GOOD SENSE WILL PREVAIL. LEABUA
JONATHAN UNQTE.

2. QTE: THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LESOTHO MORN WITH THE
PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA THE UNTIMELY AND TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR
ROBERT F. KENNEDY. OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES ESPECIALLY GO
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND HER FAMILY WHO IN ONE DECADE HAVE SUFFERED
UNTIMELY DEATHS AT THE HANDS OF ASSASSINS. WE COMMEND THEM
TO THE ALMIGHTY AND PRAY THAT HE SHOULD COMFORT AND BLESS
THEM. WE PRAY AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THESE SENSELESS
KILLINGS WILL AWAKE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO THE REALIZATION
THAT THEIR REPEATED OCCURRENCE CAN DO NOTHING BUT DISCREDIT
IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD THE FAME, CIVILIZATION AND FREEDOM
THAT THEY HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN. LEABUA
JONATHAN UNQTE.
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FM LEABUA JONATHAN, PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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SECRETARY OF STATE

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PRIME
MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO, CHIEF LEABUA JONATHAN
ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT FRANCIS
KENNEDY QUOTE "THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO MOURN
WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNTIMELY AND TRAGIC DEATH
OF SENATOR ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY.

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES ESPECIALLY GO TO MRS. KENNEDY
AND HER FAMILY WHO IN ONE DECADE HAVE SUFFERED UNTIMELY DEATHS
AT HANDS OF ASSASSINS. WE COMMEND THEM TO THE ALMIGHTY
AND PRAY THAT HE SHOULD COMFORT AND BLESS THEM.

WE PRAY AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THESE SENSELESS KILLINGS
WILL AWAKE THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO THE REALIZATION THAT THEIR
REPEATED OCCURRENCE CAN DO NOTHING BUT TO DISCREDIT IN THE
EYES OF THE WORLD THE FAME, CIVILIZATION AND FREEDOM THEY
HAVE FOUGHT SO HARD TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN.

LEABUA JONATHAN, PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

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FM EMBASSY OF LESOTHO WASHDC
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

UNCLAS JUNE 5

THE EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY

QUOTE

"MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE LEARNED WITH DISMAY OF THE ATTEMPT
ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY THIS MORNING. WE
CONDEMN IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE THIS WANTON ACT OF
BARBARISM AIMED AT DEPRIVING YOUR COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE AND
THE WORLD IN GENERAL, OF THE SERVICES OF A GREAT MAN.
IN WISHING THE SENATOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY, WE CANNOT FAIL
TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT NO EFFORT WILL BE SPARED IN
APPREHENDING AND DEALING EXPEDITIOUSLY WITH THE CULPRITS,
AND GOOD SENSE WILL PREVAIL.

AMBASSADOR ALBERT S. MOHALE

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July 1, 1968

The message from the Secretary of State of Liberia was
acknowledged by Ambassador Brown in Monrovia.

July 2, 1968

The message from Libyan Prime Minister Baccouche
was acknowledged by Ambassador Tasca in Rabat.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1968

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. I deeply appreciate the sympathy of you and Mrs. Keita at this time of national sorrow.

Sincerely,

Dean Rusk

Dean Rusk

His Excellency
Moussa Leo Keita
Ambassador of the
Republic of Mali

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

MY WIFE AND I WISH TO EXPRESS, THROUGH YOUR STAFF, OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE GREAT PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE
OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF ONE OF ITS OUTSTANDING SONS.
MOUSSA LEO KEITA AMBASSADOR OF MALI

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TRANSMETTRE L'EXPRESSION DE NOTRE PROFONDE SYMPATHIE AU GOUVERNEMENT
ET AU GRAND PEUPLE DES USA

MOUSSA LEO KEITA AMBASSADEUR DU MALI

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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June 14, 1968.

TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: S/S *gfw*
FROM: AF - Thomas H. E. Quimby *TQ.*
SUBJECT: Letter Thanking Ambassador Keita for His Message of
Condolence on the Death of Senator Kennedy - ACTION
MEMORANDUM

Attached is a letter for your signature (Tab A) which thanks Ambassador Keita of Mali for his condolence message on the death of Senator Kennedy (Tab B). We feel it is appropriate for you to reply to this message. According to our Embassy, the Malians took the news of Senator Kennedy's death very hard. The government-controlled party newspaper published a very harsh editorial though most other coverage was factual. President Keita sent a message to the Kennedy family, but there were no official messages to the USG. Ambassador Keita has with his telegram, we believe, tried to indicate Malian sorrow at Senator Kennedy's death to US officials.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter to Ambassador Keita (Tab A).

Attachments:

Tab A - Letter to Ambassador Keita
Tab B - Telegram from Ambassador Keita

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AFNW - Mr. King

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Nicaragua

June 20, '68

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's notes dated June 5 and June 6, 1968, extending sympathy and condolences on behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and yourself on the deplorable incident that resulted in the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your thoughtful message is deeply appreciated. The knowledge that you and your colleagues share our grief is a source of great comfort and consolation. As you requested, I shall convey your expression of sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

His Excellency

Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa

Ambassador of Nicaragua

Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

Clearances:

ARA/CEN - Amb. Burrows

ARA - Miss Eltz

S/S - Mr. Parker

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John
June 19, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
Your Excellency's note dated June 6, 1968 extending
condolences on behalf of your Government and yourself
on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is
deeply appreciated. I shall, as you requested, transmit
your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's
family.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my
highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

His Excellency

Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa,

Ambassador of Nicaragua.

Clearances:

ARA/CEN - Amb. Burrows

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S/S - Mr. Parker

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Nicaragua
June 6, 1968.

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Excellency:

On behalf of my Government and myself,
I extend our deepest condolences on the tragic
demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It would be highly appreciated if Your
Excellency would kindly convey our expression
of sympathy to your Government and to the family
of the deceased.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances
of my highest consideration.

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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

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June 6, 1968.

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Excellency:

On behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and myself, I extend our heartfelt condolences on the tragic demise of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

It would be highly appreciated if Your Excellency would kindly convey our expression of sympathy to your Government and to the family of the deceased.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

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Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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RSR

Excellency:

On behalf of the members of the Diplomatic Corps and myself, I extend our heartfelt sympathy on the deplorable incident that has victimized the distinguished Senator Robert F. Kennedy and offer our earnest wishes and fervent prayers for his recovery.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa
Ambassador of Nicaragua
Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

His Excellency
Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.



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EUR-MR. BEAUDRY

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TO AMEMBASSY OSLO

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PASS PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER LYG

1. QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.
YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY
APPRECIATED.

2. I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS.
KENNEDY
SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK

UNQUOTE

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER LYG. RUSK

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FM GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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HIS EXCELLENCY SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK
STATE DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTONDC

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE ACT OF VIOLENCE WHICH SO TRAGICALLY ENDED
THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY I BEG YOU TO ACCEPT MY
DEEPEST CONDOLENCES. SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS HIGHLY
RESPECTED IN NORWAY AS ONE OF YOUR NATION'S MOST PROMINENT
CITIZENS. PLEASE CONVEY TO MRS. ROBERT F. KENNEDY THE
ASSURANCE OF MY SINCERE SYMPATHY IN HER BEREAVEMENT.

JOHN LYG
FOREIGN MINISTER OF NORWAY

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S/S-MR. PARKER

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO Z. A. BHUTTO:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY MR. BHUTTO.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS MR. BHUTTO'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY. QTE APPALLED AT THE GRUESOME TRAGEDY THAT HAS AFFLICTED YOUR COUNTRY BY THE ASSASSINATION OF YOUTHFUL MR. KENNEDY. EVERYWHERE PEOPLE WILL MOURN EVERYWHERE AMERICA'S GRIEF WILL BE SHARED. LOST FOR WORDS TO EXPRESS SORROW TO THE SENATOR'S FAMILY WHOM FATE HAS BLESSED AND BEATEN BEYOND LIMITS OF HUMAN ENDURANCE. ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO UNQTE RUSK

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S/S-MR. PARKER
EUR:MR. BEAUDRY

R 142034Z JUN 68
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LISBON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
FRANCO NOGUEIRA:

1. QUOTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY
AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE

2. QUOTE I SHALL, AS YOU REQUESTED, TRANSMIT YOUR MESSAGE TO MRS.
KENNEDY AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATOR'S FAMILY.
SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK
UNQUOTE

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECT TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER FRANCO NOGUEIRA.

4. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS FOREIGN MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY:

QUOTE HAVING JUST BEEN INFORMED OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU THE
EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE SORROW THE WHOLE
AMERICAN NATION FEELS OVER SUCH A VIOLENT CRIME WHICH DESERVES
THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL MEN. I WOULD ASK YOU TO BE KIND ENOUGH
TO PRESENT TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY AND FAMILY THE EXPRESSION OF
CONDOLENCES. PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION.
FRANCO NOGUEIRA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF PORTUGAL. UNQUOTE RUSK

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FM FRANCO NOGUEIRA, FONMIN OF PORTUGAL
TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HON DEAN RUSK SECSTATE WASHDC

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HAVING JUST BEEN INFORMED OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY UNDER TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU THE EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR THE SORROW THE WHOLE AMERICAN NATION FEELS OVER SUCH A VIOLENT CRIME WHICH DESERVES THE CONDEMNATION OF ALL MEN. I WOULD ASK YOU TO BE KIND ENOUGH TO PRESENT TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY AND FAMILY THE EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES. PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGH CONSIDERATION. FRANCO NOGUEIRA, FOREIGN MINISTER OF PORTUGAL.

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EUR/AIS: MR STABLER
S/S: APARKER

R 142011Z JUN 68
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMCONSOL FLORENCE
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

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PLS PASS FOL MSG FROM SECRETARY TO FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR
SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.
SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK, UNQTE

2. DEPT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO RELEASE BY BIGI.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF BIGI'S MSG
TO THE SEC.

QTE THE NEW, TERRIBLE ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS AFFLICTED THE
UNITED STATES AND RUTHLESSLY SNUFFED OUT THE GENEROUS LIFE OF
ROBERT KENNEDY, TAKING AWAY FROM ALL FREE MEN AND FREE PEOPLE
A VALLANT AND NOBLE CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE,
AND DEMOCRACY, DEEPLY MOVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF SAN MARINO, WHICH JOINS IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE
EXPRESSIONS OF MY PERSONAL HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES. FEDERICO

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FM FEDERICO BIGI (SAN MARINO)
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON D.C.

THE NEW, TERRIBLE ACT OF VIOLENCE THAT HAS AFFLICTED THE UNITED STATES AND RUTHLESSLY SNUFFED OUT THE GENEROUS LIFE OF ROBERT KENNEDY, TAKING AWAY FROM ALL FREE MEN AND FREE PEOPLE A VALLANT AND NOBLE CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE, AND DEMOCRACY, DEEPLY MOVES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO, WHICH JOINS IN THE SORROW OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

PLEASE CONVEY THESE SENTIMENTS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, ADDING THE EXPRESSIONS OF MY PERSONAL HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES.

FEDERICO BIGI
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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SIGNOR DEAN RUSK SEGRETARIO STATO
RIPARTIMENTO STATO WASHINGTONDC

NUOVO ATROCE ATTO VIOLENZA ABBATTUSOSI SU GRAVE NAZIONE AMERICANA
ET STRONCATO BARBARAMENTE GENEROSA ESISTENZA SENATORE ROBERT KENNEDY
PRIVA OGNI UOMO ET POPOLO LIBERO DI VALOROSO ET NOBILE ASSERTORE
IDEALI LIBERTA GIUSTIZIA ET DEMOCRAZIA ET COMMUOVE PROFONDAMENTE
GOVERNO REPUBBLICA SAN MARINO CHE

SI UNISCE CON SENTITA PARTECIPAZIONE AT CORDOGLIO GOVERNO AMERICANO
PUNTO PREGOLA RENDERSI INTERPRETE QUESTI SENTIMENTI PRESSO SUO GOVERN
O
ET ESPRIMERE MIE PERSONALI COMMOSSE CONDOGLIANZE

FEDERICO GIGI SEGRETARIO STATO AFFARI ESTERI

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S/S

June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The tragic and untimely death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy has come as a great shock to all Americans. I have been asked to express deepest appreciation on behalf of the Secretary of State and the people of the United States for the words of sympathy which you conveyed from the Government and people of South Africa.

The knowledge that your countrymen share our distress is a source of great comfort and consolation.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H.E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
H.L.T. Taswell,
Ambassador of South Africa,
3051 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20008

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AFS-Mr. Campbell
S/S-Mr. Parker



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EMBASSY OF SOUTH AFRICA
AMBASSADE VAN SUID-AFRIKA
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20008

5th June, 1968.

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have been asked by my Government to inform you of the profound feelings of shock, distress and sympathy with which the news of the cowardly attempt on the life of Senator Robert F. Kennedy was received by them and the people of South Africa.

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have today sent to Mrs. Kennedy, offering our best wishes for her husband's rapid and complete recovery.

Sincerely yours,

H.L.T. Taswell

H.L.T. Taswell
Ambassador

The Honourable
Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
United States Department of State,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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US/Kennedy, Robert F.

5th June, 1968.

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

I have been asked to express to you the profound feelings of shock, distress and sympathy with which the Government and people of the Republic of South Africa learned of the cowardly attack on your husband and to convey their best wishes for his rapid and complete recovery.

The thoughts of my wife and myself and all at this Embassy are very much with you and your children at this time.

Sincerely yours,

H.L.T. Taswell
Ambassador

Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy,
c/o The Personal Secretary to
Senator Robert F. Kennedy,
New Senate Office Building,
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1114

UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 1446

PLEASE PASS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S OFFICE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM
ADDRESSED TO MRS. R.F. KENNEDY: QUOTE MY WIFE AND I
EXTEND TO YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILY OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH
YOU. EXACTLY TWO YEARS AGO BOTH OF YOU WERE IN SOUTH AFRICA
ON A VISIT WHICH INSPIRED SO MANY. HIS EXTRAORDINARY
ABILITY, HIS GREAT CHARM AND HIS ABSOLUTE DEDICATION TO
HUMAN WELFARE WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED HERE AND
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHICH MOURNS HIS PASSING. WILLIAM M.
ROUNTREE, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE. ROUNTREE

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S/S: A. PARKER
NEA: MR. MCCONNELL

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
CAGLAYANGIL

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT FM KENNEDY.
YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY
APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, ARE TEXTS OF CAGLAYANGIL'S MESSAGES TO
THE SECRETARY.

QTE IT WAS WITH PROFOUND GRIEF AND SADNESS THAT I LEARNED
TODAY OF THE ABOMINABLE ATTEMPT ON THE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY IN CALIFORNIA. I HASTEN TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY
MY DEEP SYMPATHIES AND EXPRESS THE SINCRE WISHES OF SPEEDY
RECOVERY FOR SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL
UNQTE

4. QTE IT IS WITH PROFOUND SORROW THAT I HAVE BEEN INFORMED
OF THE TRAGIC DEATH THIS MORNING IN LOS ANGELES OF THE DISTIN-
GUISHED SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS INFLICTED
BY THE TREACHEROUS ACT OF ASSASSINATION. WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED

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THAT THE FREINDLY AND ALLIED AMERICAN NATION HAS LOST SUCH
A YOUTHFUL AND ILLUSTRIOUS SON. WE SHARE THE GRIEF OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OFFER OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. IHSAN SABRI
CAGLAYANGIL UNQTE EXEMPTED FROM AUTOMATIC DECONTROL
RUSK

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Uganda

July 3, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

On behalf of Secretary Rusk I wish to thank you for your warmhearted message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at a time of national sorrow is deeply appreciated. We were all touched by your thoughtfulness in expressing your feelings in this fashion while you are far from Washington and there are so many urgent demands upon your time.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quimby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
E. Otema Allimadi,
Ambassador of Uganda,
5909 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011.

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cc: AmEmbassy Kampala



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FM THE AMBASSADOR OF UGANDA
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHDC

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ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF UGANDA I WISH TO
EXPRESS TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY OUR
PROFOUND SHOCK AND DEEP SORROW AT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY FOR WHOM WE HAD HIGH REGARD OUR THOUGHTS
ARE WITH THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
IN THIS DARK HOUR OF BEREAVEMENT
THE AMBASSADOR OF UGANDA

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APPROVED BY: EUR/BMI:MDGOLDSTEIN
EUR-MR. BEAUDRY
S/S-JWDAVIS

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
SECRETARY.

1. QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE
ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY
AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE.
2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION
TO RELEASE BY FONOFF. RUSK

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3997

UNCLAS LONDON 9596

FOR CHESLAW, BNA, FROM BRUCE

HRH PRINCESS MARINA, DUCHESS OF KENT, HAS ASKED ME TRANSMIT
FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MRS. ROSE KENNEDY. WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR ASSURING MESSAGE IS DELIVERED.

QUOTE/ SO DEEPLY SHOCKED AND HORRIFIED BY THIS SECOND GHASTLY
TRAGEDY. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY MY HEARTFELT
AND AFFECTIONATE SYMPATHY. MARINA. UNQUOTE
BRUCE

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John
June 19, 1968

Excellency:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
Your Excellency's note dated June 6, 1968 extending
condolences on behalf of your Government and yourself
on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Your sympathy at this time of national sorrow is
deeply appreciated. I shall, as you requested, transmit
your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's
family.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my
highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

His Excellency

Dr. Guillermo Sevilla Sacasa,

Ambassador of Nicaragua.

Clearances:

ARA/CEN - Amb. Burrows

ARA - Miss Eltz

S/S - Mr. Parker

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 21, 1968

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The expressions of your sympathy and those of the Members of the Council of the Organization of American States are deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Rusk

Dean Rusk

His Excellency
Emilio N. Oribe,
Chairman of the Council of the
Organization of American States,
Pan American Union,
Washington, D.C.

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S/S:Alan Parker



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FM EMILIO N. ORIBE, AMBASSADOR OF URUGUAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL
TO THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK, SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON D. C.

UNCLAS JUNE 6

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OAS AND MYSELF I WISH TO
CONVEY TO YOU OUR DEEP SORROW AND SINCEREST CONDOLENCES FOR
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. AN
INEXCUSABLE ACT HAS INTERRUPTED TRAGICALLY THE CAREER OF
ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING YOUNG STATESMEN OF THE AMERICAS AND
DEPRIVED THE PEOPLES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REPUBLIC OF ONE
OF THEIR GREATEST AND REALLY TRUSTED FRIENDS. PLEASE
EXPRESS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE
FAMILY OF SENATOR KENNEDY THESE ESSENTIALS SHARED BY ALL
THE AMBASSADORS MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. EMILIO N. ORIBE,
AMBASSADOR OF URUGUAY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

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June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The Secretary has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful message of condolence on the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Your sympathy at this time of our national sorrow is deeply appreciated.

I shall, as you requested, transmit your message to Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Senator's family.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. E. Quinby
Acting Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

His Excellency
Rupiah B. Banda,
Ambassador of the Republic
of Zambia,
Washington, D.C.

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S/S - Mr. Parker

cc: Amembassy Lusaka
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FM AMBASSADOR BANDA ZAMBIANS
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IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR
ROBERT KENNEDY. SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEEP AND UNYIELDING COMMITMENT
TO THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND PEACE WAS AN INSPIRATION
TO US ALL. HUMANITY IS THE POORER FOR THE LOSS OF THAT OUTSTANDING
PUBLIC FIGURE. VERY, GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY MY CONDOLENCES
TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

AMBASSADOR BANDA ZAMBIANS WASHINGTON.

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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FLORES:

1. QTE THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. YOUR SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF NATIONAL SORROW IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. SINCERELY, DEAN RUSK UNQTE

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY FOREIGN MINISTER FLORES. RUSK

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FM MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC

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E X A C T T R A N S L A T I O N

HIS EXCELLENCY DEAN RUSK
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WITH DEEP GRIEF, I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY OUR SINCERE
CONDOLENCES ON THE OCCASION OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE EMINENT
SENATOR, ROBERT KENNEDY, WHOSE DEATH HAS PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED THE
PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY. ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE
RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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FM VENANCIO FLORES MINISTRO DE RELACIONES
EXTERIORES DE LA REPUBLICA ORIENTAL DE URUGUAY
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DEPARTAMENTO DE ESTADO WASHDC
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UNCLAS CON HONDO PESAR CUMPLEME PRESENTAR A VUESTRA
EXCELENCIA NUESTRAS MAS SENTIDAS CONDOLENCIAS
POR EL SENSIBLE FALLECIMIENTO DEL EMINENTE
SENADOR ROBERT KENNEDY CUYA DESAPARICION HA
AFECTADO MUY PROFUNDAMENTE AL PUEBLO Y GOBIERNO
URUGUAYOS STOP REITERO A VUESTRA EXCELENCIA
LAS SEGURIDADES MI MAS ALTA CONSIDERACION ;
VENANCIO FLORES MINISTRO DE RELACIONES
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1. VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY HAS REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE
BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE URUGUAYAN SENATE:

QUOTE DEAR PRESIDENT ABDALA:

THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. AS PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES SENATE, I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR
MESSAGE. YOUR SOLIDARITY WITH US IN THIS TIME OF GRIEF IS A
SOURCE OF COMFORT AND CONSOLATION.

SINCERELY,

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQUOTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE,
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY URUGUAYANS. RUSKI

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE ON DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
CHAIRMAN FARIAS PERMANENT COMMITTEE CONGRESS:

QUOTE THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F.
KENNEDY HAS COME AS A GREAT SHOCK TO ALL AMERICANS. ON
BEHALF OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND
IN MY CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE,
I EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.
THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR NEIGHBORING LEGISLATORS SHARE OUR GRIEF
IS A SOURCE OF GREAT COMFORT AND CONSOLATION.

HUBERT HUMPHREY UNQUOTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE MESSAGE,
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY PERMANENT COMMITTEE.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF DEPUTY FARIAS'S MESSAGE
ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

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QUOTE THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
MEXICAN STATES EXPRESSES TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA ITS SINCEREST CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
THE SENIOR (SIC) SENATOR FROM NEW YORK, ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY TO SENATOR ATALAY:

QTE DEAR SENATOR ATALAY: I AM GRATEFUL FOR THE EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY WHICH YOU AND YOUR FELLOW SENATORS HAVE CONVEYED TO ME ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY. AS YOU HAVE BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO OBSERVE, HE WAS ONE OF THE MOST EMINENT OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR LEGISLATURE, AND HE CHAMPIONED THE IDEALS FOR A BETTER WORLD IN WHICH WE ALL BELIEVE. MY FELLOW AMERICANS SHARE WITH ME PROFOUND GRIEF OVER HIS LOSS AND OVER THE SUFFERING IT HAS CAUSED HIS FAMILY. SINCERELY, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RECIPIENT.

3. FOLLOWING FYI IS TEXT OF SENATOR ATALAY'S APRIL 10 MESSAGE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT: QTE IT IS WITH PROFOUND SORROW THAT I HAVE LEARNED OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF EMINENT SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY AN ASSASSIN. UNQTE

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4. QTE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WAS AN ARDENT CHAMPION OF MANKIND'S HIGHEST IDEALS AND OF HOPE FOR PEACE AND WELL-BEING IN OUR WORLD. IT IS ONE OF THE IRONIES OF OUR AGE THAT, WHILE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS CAMPAIGNING IN THE PRIMARIES, SEEKING THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES FROM WHICH TO FURTHER THESE VERY IDEALS, HE SHOULD BE STRUCK DOWN BY A BRUTAL, SENSELESS SLAYING. UNQTE

5. QTE THE BEST GUARANTEE OF THE FUTURE OF MANKIND IS THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE MADE SAFE FROM ACTS OF HATRED, PREJUDICE AND BRUTALITY. UNQTE

6. QTE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STANDS BEREFT OF AN OUTSTANDING LEADER, THE UNITED STATES SENATE OF AN ILLUSTRIOUS MEMBER AND PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ASPIRING FOR A BETTER WORLD FACE A LESS HOPEFUL FUTURE. UNQTE

7. QTE ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC AND MYSELF, I OFFER MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. SIRRI ATALAY, ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC. UNQTE
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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT GERSTENMAIER:

QTE DEAR DR. GERSTENMAIER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY OWN HEART-FELT THANKS AND THE THANKS OF
MY SENATE COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONDOLENCES ON THE
TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SINCERELY,
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE,
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GERSTENMAIER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF GERSTENMAIER'S MESSAGE
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEEPLY MOVED, I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SINCERE PARTICIPATION
OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IN THE PAINFUL AND TRAGIC LOSS WHICH *you*
AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH THE DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IS IN MOURNING
WITH YOU OVER A GREAT HOPE OF YOUR COUNTRY. IT ALSO IS THINKING
WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF THE AGAIN SO SEVERELY TRIED KENNEDY

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FAMILY.

VERY SINCERLY YOURS,
GERSTENMIER,
PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG UNQTE
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Attention ~~MR. ORRILL~~
Keep this study together

Subject: Condolence Message from Bundestag
President

I enclose a message from Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier,
President of the Federal German Parliament (Bundestag)
in the name of that body, extending condolences on the
death of Senator Kennedy and expressing sympathy for
the Kennedy family. A suggested reply for transmission
to Dr. Gerstenmaier through our Embassy in Bonn is also
enclosed.

for *Benjamin H. Read*
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Suggested reply to Dr. Gerstenmaier.
2. Condolence message from Dr. Gerstenmaier.

S/S *BH*
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S/S - *Mr. Puhon*

June 8, 1968. 4

My dear Mr. Vice President:

The President of the German Bundestag has asked me to transmit to you in your capacity as President of the United States Senate the following message of condolence of the German Bundestag:

"Tiefbewegt spreche ich Ihnen, Herr Präsident, und dem Senat der Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika die aufrichtige Anteilnahme des Deutschen Bundestags aus zu dem überaus schmerzlichen und tragischen Verlust, den Sie und die Vereinigten Staaten durch den Tod von Senator Robert Kennedy erlitten haben. Der Deutsche Bundestag trauert mit Ihnen um eine große Hoffnung Ihres Landes. Er gedenkt in herzlicher Anteilnahme auch der zweifach schwer geprüften Familie Kennedy.

Ihr aufrichtig ergebener Gerstenmaier,
Präsident des Deutschen Bundestags."

The English translation reads as follows:

"Deeply moved, I express to you, Mr. President, and to the Senate of the United States of America, the sincere participation of the German Bundestag in the painful and tragic loss which you and the United States have suffered through the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. The German Bundestag is in mourning with you over a great hope of your country. It also is thinking with heartfelt sympathy of the again so severely tried Kennedy family.

Very sincerely yours,
Gerstenmaier,
President of the German Bundestag".

Respectfully yours,
sgd. Knappstein

The Vice President
The Capitol
Washington, D.C.



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1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT GERSTENMAIER:

QTE DEAR DR. GERSTENMAIER:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY OWN HEART-FELT THANKS AND THE THANKS OF
MY SENATE COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONDOLENCES ON THE
TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

SINCERELY,
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY UNQTE

2. VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE,
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GERSTENMAIER.

3. FOLLOWING, FYI, IS ENGLISH TEXT OF GERSTENMAIER'S MESSAGE
TO THE VICE PRESIDENT:

QTE DEEPLY MOVED, I EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE SINCERE PARTICIPATION
OF THE GERMAN BUNDESTAG IN THE PAINFUL AND TRAGIC LOSS WHICH
AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE SUFFERED THROUGH THE DEATH OF
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SUBJECT CONDOLENCES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY

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REQUEST YOU CONVEY FOLLOWING REPLY FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
OUTHONG SOUVANNAVONG PRESIDENT OF KING'S COUNCIL:

"ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE AND MYSELF
I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND AND
SYMPATHETIC MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JOHN E. RIELLY
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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Attention JRS 7/4/68
Keep this study together. *AK*

Subject: Condolence Message - Senator Robert F. Kennedy

The President of the King's Council (Upper House) of Laos, Mr. Outhong Souvannavong, has asked that the enclosed message be passed to the U.S. Congress.

It is appropriate that the Vice President receive and acknowledge the message. A suggested reply is also enclosed.

Benjamin H. Read
for Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Message from Outhong Souvannavong.
2. Suggested reply.

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Vientiane
June 7, 1968

It is with profound sadness that the King's Council learned of the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy as a result of an ignoble assassination. In these sad circumstances, I ask in the name of my colleagues and in my name that you transmit to your Government, your Congress as well as to the aggrieved widow and Kennedy family our heartfelt condolences.

Outhong Souvannavong
President of the King's Council



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SUBJECT CONDOLENCES FOR SENATOR KENNEDY

REFERENCE VIENTIANE 7077

REQUEST YOU CONVEY FOLLOWING REPLY FROM VICE PRESIDENT TO
OUTHONG SOUVANNAVONG PRESIDENT OF KING'S COUNCIL:

"ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. SENATE AND MYSELF
I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR YOUR KIND AND
SYMPATHETIC MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY."

OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF
MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF RLG DOES. RUSK

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

REF: STATE 176747

1. ALL JUNE 7 DAR PAPERS HEADLINE SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH: STORY WAS LEAD ITEM ON JUNE 6 RADIO NEWSCASTS. NEWS COVERAGE IS STRAIGHT AND FACTUAL. THREE OUT OF FOUR DAILY PAPERS RUN ROMAIN GARY ASSASSINATION PREDICTION STORY.

2. PRESIDENT NYEERERE SENT FOLLOWING TELEGRAM JUNE 6 TO MRS. KENNEDY, " WE HAVE RECEIVED WITH PROFOUND SHOCK AND HORROR THE NEWS OF THE TRAGIC AND CRUEL DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF TANZANIA, AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, I SEND YOU AND THE WHOLE KENNEDY FAMILY MY PRAYERFUL CONDOLENCES."

3. EDITORIAL IN JUNE 7 " NATIONALIST" (FULL TEXT BEING SENT USINFO) IS QUITE TEMPERATE, THOUGH IT DECRIES VIOLENCE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND SAYS IT IS " SICK." EDITORIAL IN " UHURU" IS MORE STRIDENT, " WHITE AMERICANS AND THE ENEMIES OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY" ARE SAID TO BE " REJOICING" AT HIS DEATH. " LHURU" SAYS SENATOR KENNEDY WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE OPPOSED OPPRESSION OF NEGROES AND OPPOSED WAR IN VIET-NAM. " NGURUMO" CHARGES AMERICA WITH USING " THE VOTE OF THE GUN" TO REMOVE ITS LEADERS AND SAYS THAT U.S. " STINKS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD."

4. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT BY NUTA

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GENERAL SECRETARY MICHAEL KAMALIZA TO AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY. KAMALIZA SAYS KENNEDY DEATH WAS " CAUSED BY BARBARIC ACTION OF VIOLENCE ORGANIZED BY SELFISH PEOPLE WITH HOOLIGANIC ATTITUDE WHO DEFENDS (SIC) THE REIGN OF CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM IN THE WORLD AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORKING CLASS. BELIEVE ME THE WAY YOU AMERICANS HAVE CHOSEN OF CHANGING YOUR LEADERS BY ASSASSINATION SHOULD BE CONDEMNED WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS".

5. EMBASSY AND USIS HAVE OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS WHICH ARE BEING SIGNED BY MEMBERS OF DIPOMATIC CORPS AND BY ORDINARY PEOPLE. FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT URIAH SIMANGO CALLED AT EMBASSY JUNE 7 TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY.

6. STORY HAS BEGUN TO CIRCULATE IN SOME AREAS OF DAR THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HIRED ASSASSIN TO KILL SENATOR KENNEDY SO THAT LATTER WOULD NOT BECOME PRESIDENT.

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THE ATTEMPT ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY OVERSHADOWED THE STRIKE SITUATION AND THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AT HOME IN THE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS WHICH WENT TO PRESS BEFORE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SENATOR'S DEATH.

THE GAULLIST ORGAN LA NATION EDITORIALIZED: "HOW NOT TO ESTABLISH POINT OF SIMILARITY IN THE CRIMINAL ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE TWO BROTHERS AND THE ONE WHICH COST REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING HIS LIFE?... NOTHING IS CLEAR IN THE LOS ANGELES CRIME... WHAT HAVE THE KENNEDYS DONE TO BE THUS CONSIDERED AS NUISANCES THAT HAD TO BE ELIMINATED AT ANY COST? OF WHAT CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS OR OF WHAT INTERESTS ARE THEY THE VICTIMS?" THE COMMUNIST ORGAN HUMANITE HEADLINED: "THE ATTEMPT ON ROBERT KENNEDY: NEW PHASE IN THE CONSPIRACY OF THE PARTY OF WAR." THE EDITORIAL --"THE CONSPIRACY"-- SAID: "IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT ROBERT KENNEDY WAS HIT AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUCCESS HE HAD JUST WON IN THE CALIFORNIA A PRIMARIES NOTABLY IMPROVED HIS CHANCES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION." THE FINANCIAL DAILY LES ECHOS EDITORIALIZED: "ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED YOUNG POLITICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE BY THE BULLETS OF A KILLER. AMERICAN JUSTICE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CRIME OF AN ISOLATED ELEMENT IS INVOLVED OR WHETHER THE LONG CHAIN OF KILLERS WHO, IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, SHOT DOWN SOME OF THE MOST ARDENT AND RESPECTED LEADERS OF THE REFORMIST MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES WAS RAISED UP AND ARMED BY POLITICAL FANATICS. AS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IT BELONGS TO THEM TO PONDER ON THE CAUSES AND THE MEANING OF THAT RESORT TO

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VIOLENCE IN A STATE WHERE DEMOCRACY IS READILY CITED AS AN EXAMPLE... BOB KENNEDY'S REMOVAL FROM THE RACE IS LIKELY TO FALSIFY THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR WHICH THE AMERICANS ARE PREPARING. INDEED THE LEFTIST TENDENCY IS STILL REPRESENTED BY SENATOR MCCARTHY IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE BROTHER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE BATTLE WITH BETTER TRUMPS THAN HIS RIVAL. NOW, THE WAY APPEARS CLEAR FOR VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP."

FIGARO FEATURED ON PAGE ONE AN ARTICLE BY WRITER ROMAIN GARY WHO REVEALED THAT ROBERT KENNEDY TOLD HIM A FORTNIGHT AGO: "I KNOW THAT, SOONER OR LATER, THERE WILL BE A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT. NOT SO MUCH FOR POLITICAL REASONS, BECAUSE OF CONTAGIOUSNESS... OF EMULATION. WE LIVE IN AN ERA OF EXTRAORDINARY PSYCHIC CONTAGIOUSNESS. BECAUSE A GUY KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING HERE, ANOTHER 'CONTAMINATED' FELLOW WILL IMMEDIATELY TRY TO KILL A GERMAN STUDENT LEADER." M. CHATELAIN REMARKED IN ANOTHER ARTICLE: "JOHN KENNEDY WAS SAID TO HAVE A SORT OF INSTINCTIVE FOREKNOWLEDGE. DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS UNDER A DEFERRED SENTENCE OF DEATH? PEOPLE SAID IT... THE ARTICLE BY ROMAIN GARY SEEMS INDEED TO CONFIRM THAT HE (ROBERT KENNEDY) HAD FORESEEN HIS FATE."

ROGER MASSIP NOTED, ALSO IN FIGARO: "ONE CAN ALREADY HOLD AS CERTAIN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ROBERT KENNEDY FROM THE ELECTORAL SCENE. THE CONSEQUENCES FROM THE ATTEMPT ARE GOING TO UPSET THE ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. SPECULATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS ALREADY GO AT A GOOD ROUND PACE. ONE OF THEM CONCERNS THE CHANCES OF EUGENE MCCARTHY SINCE THE RESULTS OF THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES SHOWED THAT THE SENATOR OF MINNESOTA AND ROBERT KENNEDY COULD MUSTER TOGETHER 80-0/0 OF THE VOTES. WILL NOT THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR THE SENATOR OF NEW YORK BE TEMPTED TO TRANSFER THEIR SUFFRAGES TO MCCARTHY RATHER THAN... WALLNER

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PLEASE ADVISE BRANDON GROVE, WHO LEFT HERE LAST EVENING TO
ATTEND ROBERT KENNEDY'S FUNERAL, THAT SENATOR SPANGENBERG
WILL BE COMING, BOTH TO REPRESENT BERLIN AND AS PART OF THE
OVERALL GERMAN REPRESENTATION. MORRIS

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SAUDI REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

JIDDA 4300

1. ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY BY EX-JERUSALEMITE ARAB MAJOR TOPIC OF LOCAL DISCUSSION. PUBLIC INTEREST STIMULATED BY CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION GIVEN BY SAUDI PRESS, TV AND RADIO TO INCIDENT AND TO REACTION IN OTHER ARAB STATES, INCLUDING CONDEMNATORY STATEMENTS OF ARAB LEADERS, AL-FATAH, ETC.

2. APART FROM SAQQAF'S FORMAL CALL (JIDDA 4289), WE HAVE HAD TELEPHONE CALLS FROM VARIOUS PROMINENT SAUDIS EXPRESSING THEIR SHOCK AND SORROW. WHEN AMBASSADOR SAW CROWN PRINCE KHALID OFF AT AIRPORT JUNE 8, ALL MEMBERS OF SAUDI ROYAL FAMILY PRESENT PERSONALLY EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR SORROW AND INDIGNATION. THESE INCLUDED SECOND DEPUTY PRINCE MININT PRINCE FAHD, MODA PRINCE SULTAN, NATIONAL GUARD PRINCE ABDULLAH, MINFINANCE PRINCE MUSA'ID, MECCA GOVERNOR

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PRINCE MISHA'AL, SPECIAL ADVISOR PRINCE NAWWAF, AND PRINCE MITAB. ROYAL COUNSELOR RASHAD PHARAON AND MININFO HJAILAN ALSO DID SO. ALL ASKED THAT THEIR DEEP RESPECTS AND CONDOLENCES BE CONVEYED TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

3. ACCORDING SAQQAF (AND ALSO MUHAMMAD ALIREZA), KING FAISAL MUCH DISTRESSED AT NEWS. THEY EXPLAINED THAT KING WOULD HAVE LIKED TO SEND PERSONAL MESSAGE, BUT FELT UNABLE DO SO SINCE HE HAD NOT SENT MESSAGES TO EITHER BOUMEDIENNE OR CHAMOUN FOLLOWING ATTACK ON THEM. HOWEVER, KING SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED SAUDI AMB SUWAIYIL ATTEND FUNERAL.

4. SAUDI PRESS HAS GIVEN FRONTPAGE AS WELL AS EDITORIAL COVERAGE ALL ASPECTS OF INCIDENT. WITH ITS CUSTOMARY CONSPIRATORIAL MENTALITY, IT HAS USUALLY SOUGHT HIDDEN PERPETRATOR AND MOTIVE. AL-MADINAH EMPHATICALLY REJECTED ASSASSINATION AND EXPRESSED ITS SORROW FOR INCIDENT. GILAD EDITORIAL JUNE 7 ASSERTED ASSASSINATION AGAINST KORANIC TEACHINGS AND MUSLIMS THUS CONDEMN ATTACK ON SENATOR. IT ARGUED THAT IF PERSON SUSPECTED OF DEED IS IN FACT GUILTY, IT WOULD BE SURPRISING SINCE ONLY WEAK AND COWARDLY RESORT TO PERFDY AND ASSASSINATION AND ARABS NEITHER WEAK OR COWARDLY. WRITER DEPLORES EFFECT UPON REPUTATION OF ARAB CAUSES, ESPECIALLY PALESTINE, AT TIME WHEN ARABS IN DIRE NEED OF WORLD SUPPORT TO RECOVER THEIR RIGHTS. JUNE 9 EDITORIAL IN SAME PAPER BY RESPECTED SAUDI COMMENTATOR ABDULLAH SAAD ADVANCES THESIS THAT ZIONISTS ENGINEERED SENATOR'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE, EVEN THOUGH HE RECENTLY CALLED FOR DELIVERY OF 50 PHANTOMS TO ISRAEL, ZIONISTS UNSURE ABOUT HOW SENATOR WOULD VIEW SITUATION ONCE IN WHITE HOUSE. SAAD ARGUES ZIONISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION BECAUSE HE PROMISED SOLVE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM ON BASIS JUSTICE AND IN LIGHT US INTERESTS IN REGION. ZIONISTS FEARFUL THAT SENATOR KENNEDY, IF ELECTED, WOULD FOLLOW POLICIES OF LATE PRESIDENT, DID AWAY WITH HIM, AND ARE NOW SEEKING DISPARAGE ARABS IN EYES AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION. SAAD RECALLED LATE SENATOR KENNEDY HAD BEEN DEEPLY SHOCKED BY PLIGHT OF ARAB REFUGEES WHEN HE VISITED CAMPS THREE YEARS AGO. IN OPEN LETTER TO MRS. KENNEDY, UKAZ COMMENTATOR AHMAD SHATAH BITTERLY NOTES PALESTINIAN WIVES AND MOTHERS ARE FACING SAME TRAGEDY AND THAT CHRISTIAN WAS PERPETRATOR OF DEED. ASKS GOD BE WITH HER

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AND WITH VICTIMS PALESTINIAN TRAGEDY. SHATAH ALSO DEPLORES
LATE SENATOR'S CALL FOR 50 PHANTOMS FOR ISRAEL. NADWA
CARRIES UPI SPECULATION THAT JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES IMPLICATED.

5. MOST HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE CALLED OR
WRITTEN TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF THEMSELVES AND
THEIR COMMUNITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. EILTS

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FM AMEMBASSY ADEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1630

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADEN 1419

SUBJ: SOUTHERN YEMEN

1. WITH EXCEPTION FONMIN DHALAI'S EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY CONCERNING SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH WE HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL COMMENT OTHER THAN FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.

2. ADEN RADIO HAS CARRIED COMMENTS PRINTED IN AL-AHRAM AND AL-ANWAR AND OTHER ARAB NEWSPAPERS CONDEMINING POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS IN GENERAL AND ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY, AND HAS NOTED EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY BY UNGA.

3. ADEN RADIO ALSO HAS CARRIED COMMENT BY HANOI RADIO CRITICIZING ASSASSINATION, BUT PLACING BLAME ON THOSE ELEMENTS IN AMERICAN SOCIETY WHICH BELIEVE IN KILLING FOR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. ONLY LOCAL NEWSPAPER, "14 OCTOBER," HAS NOT APPEARED SINCE ASSASSINATION OWING LOCAL HOLIDAYS.

4. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER ARAB SOURCES ADEN PUBLIC HAS HELD KENNEDY FAMILY IN HIGH ESTEEM AND IN GENERAL WAS BOTH SHOCKED AND REVOLTED BY ASSASSINATION. WE UNDERSTAND OTHERS HOWEVER TEND TO LOOK UPON SIRHAN'S ACTION AS PROVOKED BY GENERAL AMERICAN SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. DAVIS

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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5725

UNCLAS AMMAN 5256

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. PRIMIN TALHOUNI ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER RIFA'I PAID CALL ON ME AT EMBASSY THIS MORNING TO SIGN KENNEDY MEMORIAL BOOK AND EXPRESS CONDOLENCES. IN HIS WRITTEN EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCE HE DEEPLY DEPLORED THE CRIMINAL ACTION.

2. PRIMIN SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT ON HIS BEHALF, AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JORDAN AND THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN I CONVEY TO THE USG, AND THROUGH MY GOVERNMENT TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY, THEIR PROFOUND SHOCK AND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5856

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FOLLOWING COMMERCIAL CABLE RECEIVED FROM "KENNEDY FAMILY"
ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR AND MRS. BOWLES. PLEASE RELAY
TO AMBASSADOR.

QUOTE

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A REQUIEM MASS IN MEMORY
OF ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY AT ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL IN
NEW YORK CITY ON SATURDAY JUNE 8, 1968 AT 10:00 AM PLEASE
ENTER THROUGH THE FIFTH AVENUE ENTRANCE BY 9:30
AM INTERMENT WILL BE AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY ARLINGTON
VIRGINIA

AT 5:30 PM YOU ARE WELCOME TO TRAVEL ON THE
FUNERAL TRAIN FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON BUSES TO
PENNSYLVANIA STATION WILL LEAVE THE FIFTH AVENUE SIDE
OF THE CATHEDRAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MASS
THIS TELEGRAM WILL ADMIT ONLY THE PERSON OR PERSONS TO
WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED AND MUST BE RETAINED AND PRESENTED
FOR IDENTIFICATION WHENEVER IT IS REQUESTED.

THE KENNEDY FAMILY

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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4220

UNCLAS PANAMA 3649

GOP'S CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LEVY SALCEDO CALLED ON ME AT EMBASSY
YESTERDAY TO EXPRESS ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ROBLES AND THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF SENATOR
KENNEDY. THIS MORNING A MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY WAS HELD AT
THE CATHEDRAL IN PANAMA CITY ARRANGED AND CONDUCTED BY PADRE
BENJAMIN AYECHU, RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY OF SANTA MARIA LA ANTIGUA.
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SUBJ: CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

1. ABDEL RAHMAN AL-GHONEIM, SON-IN-LAW OF FORMER KING SAUD, CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO EXPRESS SAUD'S PERSONAL CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY. HE ASKED THAT THESE BE PASSED ON TO KENNEDY FAMILY AND USG.

2. REQUEST THAT ANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BE PASSED THROUGH US. SAUD IS NOW LIVING AT KAVOURI HOTEL NEAR ATHENS.

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SUBJECT: ULBRICHT SENDS CONDOLENCES TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY

REF: BERLIN 1615

1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF JUNE 7 PUBLISHED THE TEXT OF A CON-
DOLENCE TELEGRAM SENT TO MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY BY ULBRICHT ON
BEHALF OF THE STATE COUNCIL AND THE GDR GOVERNMENT. AFTER AS-
SURING HER OF "SINCERE SYMPATHY," THE MESSAGE SAID THAT THE
PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE GDR HAD REACTED WITH INDIGNATION
AND HORROR TO THE NEWS THAT HER HUSBAND -- AFTER THE "POLITICAL
MURDER OF HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT KENNEDY, AND THE SIMILAR
MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING -- HAD BECOME A VICTIM OF THOSE
POWERFUL EXTREME REACTIONARY CIRCLES WHICH PRACTICE TO AN IN-
CREASING EXTENT THE MURDER OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS TO GAIN THEIR
ANTI-HUMANITARIAN AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC GOALS AND WHO HAVE INTRO-
DUCED MURDER AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL DEBATE IN US DOMESTIC
POLITICS." THE TELEGRAM DESCRIBED SENATOR KENNEDY AS ONE WHO
THOUGHT A BETTER, MORE PEACEFUL, AND MORE JUST US DOMESTIC AND
FOREIGN POLICY.

2. COMMENT: WITH THE TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNEDY, ULBRICHT EX-
CEEDED HIS ALREADY HIGH STANDARDS OF CYNICISM AND ARROGANCE.
THE SAME ISSUE OF ND IS FILLED WITH COMMENTARY OF THE MOST
VICIOUS KIND CARRYING ON THE LINE REPORTED IN THE REFTEL,
FEATURING A LEAD EDITORIAL TITLED "WHAT A SYSTEM!"

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AMECONSUL SAO PAULO

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ALL CONSULATES BY POUCH

JOINT USIS-EMBASSY MESSAGE.

1. EXTENSIVE TREATMENT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION
PRESS CONTINUES, AS YESTERDAY, CENTERING ON CON-
SPIRACY SPECULATION OR LINKS WITH OTHER ASSASSI-
NATIONS AND VIOLENCE IN U.S.

2. IN CONTRAST, INDIVIDUAL BRAZILIANS AT ALL
LEVELS OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE IN THEIR PERSONAL
CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS EMPHASIZING THEIR
FEELING OF DEPRIVATION AND SYMPATHY IN MODERATE BUT
STEADY STREAM TO SIGN CONDOLENCE BOOK IN LOBBY.
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3269
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SUBJ: EDITORIAL REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

1. FOUR EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB AFTER SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH SHARED OBSERVATION THAT US MUST NOT BE JUDGED ONLY SOURCE AND VICTIM OF VIOLENCE IN TODAY'S WORLD. LA PRESSE MOST ELOQUENTLY SUMMED UP THEIR ATTITUDES. QTE WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO THROW ROCKS AT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... IN THIS GREAT REPUBLIC AS ELSEWHERE IT IS A MINORITY OF EXTREMISTS WHO DESPISE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS LIKE THEM THAT SOWS HATE AND TERROR... IT IS TOO EARLY TO DANCE ON THE TOMB OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AS COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE HAVE DONE. WE BELIEVE INSTEAD THAT THIS THIRD TRIAL WILL REQUIRE FROM THE WHOLE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY A NEW COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND TO CIVIL RIGHTS UNQTE.

2. GLOBE AND MAIL, IN SHARP CONTRAST TO YESTERDAY'S ACRI-
MONIOUS EDITORIAL, ADMITTED SEEDS OF VIOLENCE MAY BE PRESENT IN HATE-SMEAR LITERATURE BEING PRODUCED IN PRESENT CANADIAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. PAPER ADDED QTE FIXING THE BLAME IS RISKY. IT TENDS TO HELP OUTSIDERS OVERLOOK THE EVILS WHICH THEY SHARE... WITH THOSE THEY EXCORIATE UNQTE.

3. YESTERDAY'S OTTAWA JOURNAL ALSO SPECULATED ON POSSIBILITY SUCH VIOLENCE COULD HAPPEN IN CANADA AND WARNED AGAINST CONDEMNATION OF US. QTE A NATION AS A WHOLE CANNOT BE INDICTED FOR ITS MADMEN... POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IS NOT INDIGENOUS TO THE US UNQTE. TODAY'S JOURNAL CALLED FOR CLOSER EXAMINATION OF SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT IN

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ORDER UNDERSTAND ROOT CAUSES OF SUCH VIOLENCE. JOURNAL
CONCLUDED WITH HOPE THAT QTE THE SHOCK AND HORROR OF THIS
LATEST TRAGEDY MAY WAKEN SOCIETY TO THE NEARNESS OF THE
ABYSS OF ANARCHY UNQTE.

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

SUBJECT : STATE 176747

1. OFFICIAL REACTION. NEWS OF SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY REACHED PRESIDENT KENYATTA IN LATE MORNING OF JUNE 5 AT NAIROBI AIRPORT DEPARTURE CEREMONIES FOR ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED WEEK-LONG STATE VISIT TO KENYA. BOTH KENYATTA AND KAUNDA EXPRESSED PROFOUND SHOCK (NAIROBI 4994). VICE PRESIDENT MOI STEPPED ASIDE TO EXPRESS HIS SHOCK AND SYMPATHY TO AMB. FERGUSON AND. AFTER KAUNDA'S DEPARTURE. FORMIN ARGWINGS. KODHEK AND MINDEF MUNE# NED AT AIRPORT TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS TO AMB. LATTER RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALLS OF SAME NATURE DURING AFTERNOON FROM MINECON PLANNING

AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA AND MINAGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY MCKENZIE

2. (OFFICIAL REACTION - CONT.) NEWS OF DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY JUNE 6 EVOKED THESE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS: FROM PREIDENT KENYATTA IN CABLE TO MRS. KENNEDY-

"I HAVE LEARNED WITH PROFOUND REGRET OF YOUR HUSBAND'S DEATH. AMERICA AND INDEED THE WORLD HAS LOST A COURAGEOUS LIBERAL AND FAR-SIGHTED PERSONALITY. THE

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IDEALS FOR WHICH HE STRIVED WILL LIVE ON AND INSPIRE PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER TO LIVE IN UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT AND LOVE. AT THIS MOMENT OF GRAVE PERSONAL TRAGEDY, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES."

VICE PRESIDENT MOI, WHO WAS IN KAMPALA WHEN NEWS OF DEATH MADE PUBLIC, JOINED UGANDAN, ZAMBIAN, TANZANIAN, AND CONGO-KINSHASA LEADERS IN JOINT STATEMENT AND MESSAGES IN HONOR OF DECEASED (KAMPALA 2280). MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING OSOGO MADE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT: " I REGARD THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS A BARBARIC ACT WHICH SEEMS TO BE COMMON IN THE UNITED STATES. IT REFLECTS BADLY ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE USA THAT SUCH BARBARIC ACTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THOSE LEADERS WHO ADVOCATE HUMANITY AND EQUALITY OF HUMAN BEINGS AND WHO HAVE BEEN ADMIRERD THE WORLD OVER FOR THEIR CONVICTION FOR HUMAN JUSTICE. IT IS SAD THAT THE YOUNG KENNEDY WAS NOT GIVEN A CHANCE TO WIN THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS SO AS TO CONTINUE THE POLIECY HIS BROTHER HAD EMBARKED UPON. SOME OF US WERE ALREADY CONVINCED THAT WITH THE PROGRESS HE HAD ALREADY MADE HE WAS GOING TO MOVE TO THE WHITE HOUSE NEXT YEAR."

MINISTER OF ECON. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT MBOYA MADE THIS PUBLIC STATEMENT - " AMERICA'S IMAGE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN. IT IS TARNISHED AND ANY CLAIMS TO BE THE CUSTODIANS OF DEMOCRACY WILL RING HOLLOW AND RIDICULOUS. THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS A CRIME TO ALL MANKIND. THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE SUFFERED A GREVIOUS LOSS BUT AMERICA AND THE WORLD AT LARGE HAVE SUFFERED THE BITTEREST AND IRREPARABLE BLOW. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHAT HIS MURDERERS COULD ACHIEVE EXCEPT. THE CONTEMPT AND CONDEMNATON OF MANKIND. HERE IS A LESSON FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE GUN HAS REPLACED THE BALLOT BOX AND SOME HEINOUS FORCES ARE BENT ON STOPPINGCHANGE. THIS IS THE TRAGEDY FACING THE WORLD TODAY. BUT KENNEDYJS DEATH CANNOT BE EXPLAINED IN SIMPLE TERMS. IT SHOULD AROUSE THE CONSCIENCE OF MAN AND MODERN GOVERNMENT TO RETHINK THE PURPOSE OF SOCIETY.JJ LATTER ON JUNE 6 MBOYA MADE FOLLOWING ENTRY IN EMBASSY CONDOLENCE BOOK: JJ THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL FEELINGS OF THIS TRAGEDY. MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL

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AND GIVE US ALL THE SANITY THAT WE SO MUCH NEED. JJ
IN MOMBASA ON JUNE 6 MP CLEMENT LUBEMBE. IN HIS ROLE
AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF KENYA'S CENTRAL ORGANIZATION
OF TRADE UNIONS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF
WORKERS OF KENYA: " THE KILLING OF SENATOR KENNEDY APPEARS
TO BE A SHOCKING AFFAIR AND SHOOTING IN AMERICA TODAY
BECOMES THE ORDER OF THE DAY. SINCE AMERICANS ARE OUT TO
SHOOT AND KILL THEIR OWN LEADERS., I WOULD APPEAL TO THE
WORLD TO MOVE UN HEADQUARTERS FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA,
EEEE GENEVA, WHERE IT STARTED, FOR THERE IS A DEFINITE DANGER TO
OUR LEADERS WHO ARE SERVING US THERE. JJ

3. (OFFICIAL REACITON - CONT.) WHEN NEWS OF SENATOR
KENNEDY'S DEATH REACHED KENYA'S NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING
EARLY AFTERNOON SESSION JUNE 6, SPEAKER HUMPHREY SLADE
MOVED STANDING TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF
DECEASED AND IN SYMPATHY FOR HIS FAMILY. SLADE MADE THIS
STATEMENT : " WE ARE ALL SHOCKED BEYOND MEASURE BY THE NEWS
OF THE DEATH OF OUR FIREND SEN. KENNEDY AT THE HANDS OF
AN ASSASSIN. I SAY " OUR FRIEND " BECAUSE IT IS NOT VERY
LONG AGO SINCE HE AND MRS. KENNEDY WERE HERE WITH US IN
THIS PARLIAMENT . WE APPRECIATED VERY MUCH THEIR FRIENDLY
VITALITY AND ENTHUSIASM AND THE LIBERALITY OF THEIR IDEAS.
THIS EVEN IN EEE EVEN IS A TRAGEDY FOR HIS NATION , NOT ONLY
IN THE LOSS OF A LEADING FIGURE WITH SUCH HOPE, BUT ALSO IN THE
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH HIS DEATH OCCURRED. WE THINK ALSO OF HIS
WIDOW AND THEIR CHILDREN." AFTER MOMENTS OF SILENCE, MP J. K. KEBASO
SUGGESTED MOVE TO SUSPEND BUSINESS OF ASSEMBLY FOR REST OF
DAY " AS A SIGN OF RESPECT, IN VIEW OF THE WORLDWIDE SHOCK."
SPEAKER SLAD NOTED THAT SUCH MOTION COULD BE MADE AT ANY
TIME BUT HE FELT THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD HAVE WANTED
THOSE CHARGED WITH PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY AROUND WORLD TO
CONTINUE THEIR TASKS. MIN. MBOYA ROSE TO SAY THAT
CHAMBER SHARED KEBASO'S FEELINGS BUT SUGGESTED THAT SPEAKER
SHOULD INSTEAD SEND APPROPRIATE MESSAGE TO MRS. ROBERT
KENNEDY. SPEAKER SLAD AGREED. MP KAMWITHI MUNYI SUGGESTED
THAT MP'S RECORD THEIR FEELINGS AT EMBASSY IN BOOK OPENED
THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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ALTHOUGH EMB. AT APPROXIMATELY NOON JUNE 6 HAD ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH RADIO, PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC NOTES THAT CONDOLENCE BOOKS WOULD BE OPEN AT EMB. AND USIS LIBRARY FOLLOWING DAY, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MP'S, INCLUDING MINISTERS MBOYA, NYAGAH, SAGINI, MCKENZIE AND ATTORNEY GEN. NJONJO CAME TO EMB. SAME AFTERNOON (JUNE 6) TO SIGN BOOK AND EXPRESS FEELINGS VERBALLY TO AMB. SPEAKER SLADE VISITED EMB. JUNE 7 AND ON SAME DAY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BERNARD HING CALLED AMB. TO EXPRESS DEEP SYMPATHY AND SENSE OF PERSONAL LOSS.

4. (OFFICIAL REACTION - CONT.) MFA INFORMED EMB. TODAY THAT MBOYA (ACCOMPANIED BY MFA OFFICIALS AND PRESS) WILL CALL AT EMB. JUNE 8 TO SIGN BOOK AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT KENYATTA AND GOK AT REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AT NEARBY HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL (SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 10:00 A.M.). IN ADDITION TO DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MFA EARLY AFTERNOON JUNE 6, AMB. RELAYED NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH BY PERSONAL CALL TO PRESIDENT'S OFFICE (PERMSEC KARIITHI), NUMBER OF CABINET MINISTERS AND MAJ. GEN. PENFOLD.

5. REACTION BY MEMBERS OF PUBLIC AND EMBASSY RESPONSE. GENERAL FEELING KENYANS PATENTLY ONE OF SHOCK AND SYMPATHY. HAVE BEEN HUNDREDS OF CALLS AT RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY, AND USIS BETWEEN FIRST NEWS OF SHOOTING AND DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT. MOST

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CALLERS SOUGHT INFORMATION ON SENATOR'S CONDITION: SOME INDICATED PRAYERS BEING SAID FOR HIM PERSONALLY OR IN PLACES OF WORK, STUDY OR WORSHIP. REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE ORGANIZATIONS SEEMED PARTICULARLY DISTRESSED BY NEWS. NO ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT CONVEYED BY CALLERS ALTHOUGH SOME EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF CONSPIRACY AND LINK WITH MURDERS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING WHILE OTHERS CRITICIZED US GUN LAWS. MOST KENYANS APPEAR GENUINELY UPSET BY DEATH AND MOST BELIEVE THEY HAVE LOST A GOOD FRIEND. EMBASSY OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS AT CHANCERY AND USIS MID-AFTERNOON JUNE 6. BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 7 NEARLY 700 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAD SIGNED. CONDOLENCE BOOK HAS ALSO BEEN OPENED ON BOARD VISITING AMERICAN SHIP IN MOMBASA, USS CLAUDE JONES. 6. PRESS REACTION. KENNEDY SHOOTING HAS RECEIVED EXTREMELY HEAVY PLAY (CLIPPINGS FOLLOWING BY POUCH) IN ALL LOCAL PAPERS. DAILY NATION RAN TWO UNPRECEDENTED SPECIAL EDITIONS (FIRST

ONE ON SHOOTING AND SECOND ON DEATH) WHILE SWAHILI-LANGUAGE TAIFALED RAN SPECIAL EDITION ON KENNEDY'S DEATH. HAVE OBSERVED THAT THESE SPECIAL EDITIONS SOLD OUT QUICKLY, MOSTLY TO AFRICANS. EAST AFRICAN STANDARD EDITORIAL ASKED HOW US CAN TOLERATE THIS OUTRAGE AGAINST SOCIETY AND CALLED FOR STRICTER

CONTROL OVER WEAPONS. IN TWO SEPARATE EDITORIALS TAIFALED LEVELED HARSH CRITICISM AT LACK OF CONTROL OVER GUNS IN AMERICA. JUNE 6 DAILY NATION EDITORIAL CONCLUDED "POLITICAL THUG IS PART OF THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT" AND CASTIGATED US FOR TOLERATING COMPLETELY INADEQUATE GUN CONTROL LAWS. JUNE 7 NATION EDITORIAL DEPLORED STATE OF SOCIETY IN US AND SAID SINGLE OVERRIDING ISSUE "IS AMERICA'S DOMESTIC DISINTEGRATION AND COLLAPSE INTO VIOLENCE". VOICE OF KENYA COMMENTARY SOMEWHAT Milder IN TONE THAN PRESS EDITORIALS BUT ECHOES SAME CRITICISMS OF TREND OF VIOLENCE IN U.S. FERGUSON

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WE HAD RUMORS LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
PLANNED DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF CONSULATE TODAY USING
SENATOR KENNEDY AS PRETEXT. GENERAL MANUEL GOMEZ CUEVA AT NOON
CONFIRMED TO CONSULAR EMPLOYEE DIEGO RODRIGUEZ POLICE THIS
MORNING DID IN FACT CONFISCATE PROPAGANDA AND DISPERSED RE-
LATIVELY SMALL GROUP BEFORE DEMONSTRATION COULD BE MOUNTED.
MEANWHILE GENERAL THIS MORNING SENT TELEGRAM URGING DEFENSE
REQUEST FOREIGN RELATIONS DEMAND REMOVAL CT BAN CONSUL LUIS
ISMAL CRUZ FOR HELPING PLAN TODAY'S PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION
AND FOR OTHER OFFENSES. RUYLE

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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

SUMMARY: BRITISH NEWSPAPERS AND BROADCASTING MEDIA HAVE OVERFLOWED WITH REPORTS AND COMMENTARY, ALMOST TO EXCLUSION OF OTHER NEWS, AS TRAGEDY OF ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION HIT SHOCKED AND UNBELIEVING BRITAIN. RESPONSE HAS BEEN OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY FOR AMERICA, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY, HORRIFIED RECOIL FROM VIOLENCE AND EVIL REVEALED IN COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY FEEL SO CLOSE. DEBATE OVER SIGNIFICANCE OF EVENT FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

AND FOR FUTURE OF AMERICAN SOCIETY IS WIDESPREAD BUT INCONCLUSIVE, SAVE IN ONE RESPECT -- A UNIVERSAL DISGUST WITH AND CONDEMNATION OF AMERICAN REFUSAL TO PASS ADEQUATE AND CIVILIZED LEGISLATION TO CONTROL DISTRIBUTION OF GUNS.

1. BRITISH PRESS RESPONSE TO MURDER OF SENATOR KENNEDY MUST HAVE CLOSELY RIVALLED AMERICAN PRESS IN IMMEDIACY, DETAIL, AND EMOTIONAL IMPACT. FROM MOMENT NEWS BROKE, PAPERS AND TV HAVE REPORTED REPETITIVELY AND IN ALL ITS CONTRADICTORY MINUTIAE THE SHOOTING AND EVERY SCRAP OF NEWS RELEVANT TO IT. ON EMOTIONAL LEVEL, BRITAIN HAS REACTED ALMOST AS EXTENSION OF US AND PARTICIPANT IN TRAGEDY. AS BRITAIN TAKES BREATH, PRESS IS ATTEMPTING OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF REAL MEANING OF KENNEDY'S DEATH FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AND OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS A MANIFESTATION OF THE CONDITION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. WHILE DIFFERENCES ALONG POLITICAL LINES ARE EVIDENT, THERE IS A GENERAL TENDENCY TO ATTRIBUTE AMERICAN PROPENSITIES TO VIOLENCE TO SOCIAL INEQUALITIES, AND AN ALMOST UNIVERSAL AGREEMENT THAT WHATEVER ITS SOURCE,

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VIOLENCE IS NEEDLESSLY AND CRIMINALLY ENCOURAGED BY LAX GUN LAWS.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN LARGELY DEVOTED TO THE DEBATE WHICH PRESS REPORTS IS CURRENTLY OBSESSING U.S.: IS POLITICAL VIOLENCE SYMPTOM OF SICK SOCIETY OR FLAW IN AMERICAN CHARACTER, OR SIMPLY BAD LUCK THAT POLITICAL LEADERS BECOME VICTIMS OF DERANGED MINDS? POPULAR PRESS TENDS TO ASCRIBE VIOLENCE TO FRONTIER MENTALITY AND OUTDATED WILD-WEST MYTHOLOGY OF AMERICA, AND TO DEPLORE ITS CONTINUANCE IN MODERN WORLD. QUALITY PRESS TENDS MORE TO TRACE IT TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES LEADING TO ALIENATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS.

3. TIMES LEADER JUNE 6 FOUND TENDENCY TOWARD VIOLENCE UNIVERSAL, BUT EXAGGERATED IN US BECAUSE OF HAVE VS. HAVE-NOT SPLIT. "FOR WHATEVER REASONS VIOLENCE IS GROWING POWER IN U.S. ... IN ALMOST EVERY OTHER COUNTRY SAME PATTERN OF GROWING VIOLENCE CAN BE DETECTED EVEN THOUGH IN BRITAIN IT HAS NOT REACHED ANYTHING LIKE SAME LEVEL". POLITICAL VIOLENCE NORMALLY CONCENTRATED UPON BEST MEN BY ALIENATED, AND ALIENATED FOUND IN LARGE NUMBERS ONLY IN SOCIETY WHERE ALIENATION IS COMMON. "IN US PROSPERITY HAS BECOME AN INSULT TO THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE IT ... VIOLENCE IS REVENGE ON SOCIETY OF THOSE WHO ARE LEFT OUT". PARADOX IS THAT CHIEF AIM OF KENNEDY WAS TO END SOCIAL ALIENATION IN US. LOUIS HEREN IN TIMES PLAYED SAME THEME. "THERE IS NOTHING PECULIARLY AMERICAN ABOUT HATE AND ENVY, BUT THEY FESTER AND LUXURIATE IN LAND OF EXTREME WEALTH AND POVERTY ... AND INSECURITY OF EXCLUDED MINORITY GROUPS. IT WAS SENATOR KENNEDY'S CRUEL FATE THAT NEITHER WORLD OF STAINED SWEATSHIRTS, JEANS AND TATTERED SNEAKERS WAS ONE OF HIS NATURAL ALLIES IN HIS BID FOR PRESIDENTIAL POWER".

4. GUARDIAN SAID SHOOTING "JUST ONE MORE INDICATION OF EXTENT TO WHICH VIOLENCE HAS BECOME PART OF AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE". ALTHOUGH GUARDIAN ON 6TH GOT IN ITS LICKS ON VIETNAM -- "IF GOVERNMENTS CAN USE VIOLENCE, PEOPLE FEEL FEWER RESTRAINTS" -- LEADER NEXT DAY TOOK BROADER VIEW, DOUBTING THAT PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION CAN HELP OF SAY ANYTHING NOT ALREADY KNOWN; NEED NOW IS FOR ACTION TO HELP DISPOSSESSED AND ALIENATED.

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5. DAILY TELEGRAPH DENIES AMERICAN SOUL FLAWED WITH VIOLENCE. "IN FEW COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD IS STYLE AND TEMPER OF POLITICS MORE CIVILIZED"; IT UNFAIR TO BESMIRCH AMERICAN REPUTATION FOR CRIMES OF FEW. DAILY EXPRESS SAYS IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO PULLED TRIGGER; HE WAS MERELY HYPNOTIZED VICTIM OF POISONED SYSTEM. DAILY MAIL AGREES REAL REASON FOR VIOLENCE OF MINORITIES IS THAT THEY DENIED PROMISE OF AMERICA.

6. BUT BRITISH PRESS IS UNANIMOUS, AND BITTERLY EMPHATIC, IN ITS CONDEMNATION OF FAILURE TO CONTROL INDISCRIMINATE SALES OF FIREARMS, AND SPECIFICALLY OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, WHICH SEEN HERE AS CHIEF IMPEDIMENT TO SENSIBLE LEGISLATION DESIRED BY BULK OF PEOPLE. EVERY MAJOR PAPER HAS COMMENTED AT LENGTH AND IN STRONGEST LANGUAGE UPON NEED FOR PROMPT AND MEANINGFUL GUN LAWS. CARTOONS AND REPRODUCED GUN ADS FROM AMERICAN MAGAZINES DRIVE POINT HOME. A FEW SAMPLES: FINANCIAL TIMES: "ONE MUST CONCLUDE THAT POLITICAL MURDERS MUCH LESS LIKELY IF GUNS LESS EASILY AVAILABLE AND SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE". TELEGRAPH: "RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IS CONCEPT FROM A BYGONE ERA WHEN IT WAS ALLY OF ORDER; NOW IT IS ITS MORTAL ENEMY". SUN: "RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO BUY A GUN MORE JEALOUSLY GUARDED THAN LIVES OF PUBLIC MEN". EXPRESS: "POWER OF THE NRA IS AN EXTRAORDINARY DEFECT OF AMERICAN POLITICS". DAILY MAIL: "THERE ARE NO WORDS STRONG ENOUGH TO CONDEMN REFUSAL OF US CONGRESS TO PASS STRICT LAWS CONTROLLING SALE OF GUNS". MIRROR: "NO LAW CAN STOP FANATICS, BUT THEY CAN HELP. THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IS NOW A WRONG".

7. ELECTION. ALTHOUGH PRESS BEING VERY CAUTIOUS IN ANALYZING PROBABLE EFFECTS UPON ELECTION, INITIAL REACTION IS THAT SENATOR MCCARTHY NOW A MUCH STRONGER THREAT, BUT THAT DELEGATES RELEASED BY KENNEDY'S DEATH MAY FLOCK TO HUMPHREY BEFORE MCCARTHY CAN CONSOLIDATE NEW POSITION. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT NEGROES AND ETHNIC AND POOR VOTERS LIKELY FEEL DISENFRANCHISED AND AT SEA, AND THEIR EVENTUAL CHOICE NOW INDETERMINABLE AND CRUCIAL. FEAR OF HARDENING NEGRO ATTITUDE IS WEDESPEAD AND CONSEQUENCE EXPECTED TO BE MORE CITY RIOTS. LOUIS HEREN OF TIMES THINKS SUCH HARDENING LIKELY SWING NEGRO VOTE BEHIND HUMPHREY, WHEREAS IF REACTION IS WIDESPREAD

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REVULSION FROM FORCE, LIKELY BENEFIT MCCARTHY. MANY
ARTICLES ON EDWARD KENNEDY HAVE APPEARED THIS MORNING,
WITH STRONG IMPLICATION HE MAY PICK UP TORCH. THE EXPRESS
SUGGESTS THAT NIXON MAY NOW BE SWEEPED INTO OFFICE ON NATIONAL
DEMAND FOR LAW AND ORDER.
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8. REACTION OF SOVIET AND BLOC MEDIA TO ASSASSINATION HAS BEEN NOTED BY BOTH PAPERS AND TV, AND DEPLORED AS OPPORTUNIST PROPAGANDA.

9. THIS MORNINGS TIMES PROBABLY SUMS UP THE PRESENT BRITISH MOOD AS WELL AS ANY COMMENT. "THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL BE TEMPTED TO TURN AWAY FROM AMERICA TOO ... FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS SHE HAS EXERCISED LEADERSHIP WITH RESTRAINT AND GENEROSITY ... BUT NOW? THE HABIT OF ASSASSINATION DESTROYS THE AUTHORITY OF ANY COUNTRY ... CERTAINLY AMERICA WILL SURVIVE ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AS IT SURVIVED HIS BROTHER'S. BUT THE MAIN QUESTION FOR 1968 IS NOW NO LONGER WHO IS TO BE NEXT PRESIDENT, BUT HOW THAT SURVIVAL IS TO BE ACHIEVED".

10. COMMENT: AS NOTED, THERE ARE TWO DEFINITE TRENDS IN PRESS COMMENT: A TENDENCY TO GENERALIZE FROM A SPECIFIC EVENT TO CHARACTERIZATION OF AMERICA AS INCREASINGLY DOMINATED BY VIOLENCE, ALIENATION, ETC; AND CRITICISM OF AMERICAN FAILURE CONTROL GUN SALES, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE FAILURE BLAMED ON ALLEGED MINORITY POLITICAL PRESSURE OF QUOTE: GUN LOBBY UNQUOTE WITH NRA SINGLED OUT AS CHIEF VILLAIN. RESULT IS TO CONTRIBUTE FURTHER AND SUBSTANTIALLY TO ANTI-AMERICANISM ALREADY PREVALENT HERE. WE REALIZE ISSUE OF GUN-SALE LEGISLATION WILL NOT BE DECIDED BY FOREIGN OPINION, BUT IF, AS WE SUSPECT,

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SIMILAR REACTIONS OCCURRING ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE (WE HAVE
SEEN ONLY FEW REPORTS FROM OTHER POSTS), THIS ADDS
APPRECIABLY TO ALREADY SERIOUS PROBLEM. A REPRESENTATIVE
SELECTION FROM PRESS TREATMENT HERE BEING SENT SEPARATELY
BY AIRGRAM.
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SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH LED FRANCE'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON PRESS AND STILL RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN THE FRIDAY MORNING PAPERS. THE STRIKE AND ELECTORAL SITUATION AT HOME HOWEVER REGAINED PROMINENCE IN MANY OF THE LATTER AS GEN. DE GAULLE WAS TO MAKE ANOTHER APPEARANCE ON TV TONIGHT.

MICHEL HABIB-DELONCLE WROTE IN LA NATIOZTHE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY HAS FOUND ITS EPILOGUE. AT THE AGE OF 43, ROBERT KENNEDY SUCCUMBED TO THE CRIMINAL ATTEMPT OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN THE VICTIM, AS HIS BROTHER DID LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AGO. THREE BROTHERS DIED OF VIOLENT DEATH, THE FIRST ONE IN THE WAR, AND THE TWO OTHERS UNDER THE BULLETS OF ASSASSINS IN THE FIELD OF HONOR OF CIVISM. WHAT A TRAGIC DESTINY! WHO WOULD NOT BE FILLED WITH HORROR AND COMPASSION BEFORE THESE MEN MOWED DOWN IN THE PRIME OF THEIR LIVES BY AN IMPLACABLE FATE? TO MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY AND HER CHILDREN TO MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH KENNEDY AND TO THIS ENTIRE FAMILY, SO BRILLIANT, NOT SO LONG AGO AND NOW SO SORELY TRIED, LA NATION ADDRESSES ITS SADDENED CONDOLENCES. TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, SO RIGHTLY MOVED AND STUNNED BY THAT TRAGEDY, WE TELL THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY OF THE ENTIRE FRENCH PEOPLE UNDER THESE TERRIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES."

LOUIS GABRIEL-ROBINET SIMILARLY WROTE IN FIGARO: "MAY WE BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS TO OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS HOW MUCH WE PARTICIPATE TO THIS TRAGEDY IN THESE FUNEREAL HOURS. BEYOND

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THE VERY PERSON OF THE YOUNG, BRILLIANT AND COURAGEOUS STATESMAN SO COWARDLY SHOT DOWN, THIS NEW TRAGEDY PROFOUNDLY AFFECTS THE FREE MEN, THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN DEMOCRACY, WHO HATE HATRED AND WHO ARE HORRIFIED BY VIOLENCE. IT IS WITH A HEAVY HEART THAT WE BOW BEFORE A FAMILY SO CURELLY TRIED AND BEFORE A GREAT PEOPLE PLUNGED INTO SADNESS AND STUPER."

LE MONDE EDITORIALIZED: "WHETHER THE MURDERER OF ROBERT KENNEDY ACTED ON HIS OWN OR WAS THE INVOLUNTARY INSTRUMENT OF A SOMBER CONSPIRACY, THE CRIMINAL GESTURE OF A PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ON THIS JUNE 5, THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE 'SIX-DAY WAR' IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC. A YEAR AFTER THE VICTORY OF GEN. DAYAN'S TROOPS, TWENTY YEARS AFTER THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL. DESPAIR AND HATRED HAVE NEVER BEEN SO INTENSE AMONG A PEOPLE WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES ROBBED OF THEIR HOMELAND... THE RESOLUTELY PRO-ISRAELI STATEMENTS OF ROBERT KENNEDY DURING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN, HIS CALLS FOR AN INTENSIFICATION OF AMERICAN WEAPON DELIVERIES TO MR. ESHKOL'S GOVERNMENT COULD EXASPERATE THIS 24-YEAR OLD YOUNG MAN WHO, LIKE MANY OF HIS FORMER COMPATRIOTS, ONLY DREAMS OF REVENGE AND 'LIBERATION'."

COMBAT EDITORIALIZED: "IT LITTLE MATTERS THAT ROBERT KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN WAS NOT AMERICAN-BORN AND IT IS NOT IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THE EXPLANATION OF THAT TRAGEDY HAS TO BE SOUGHT. EVEN SUPPOSING THAT THE MURDERER ACTED ALONE ON HIS OWN, WHICH IS NOT PROVEN, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT FORCES OF VIOLENCE AND INTOLERANCE EXIST IN THE USA WHICH DO NOT RECOIL BEFORE ASSASSINATION TO STOP OR DELAY INCLUCTABLE EVOLUTIONS. THIS NEW TRAGEDY SHOULD MAKE THE AMERICANS AWARE OF THE URGENT NECESSITY OF TAKING MEASURES FOR INSURING THE FREE FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH THEIR FRIENDS INCREASINGLY HESITATE TO CITE AS AN EXAMPLE, AND WHICH THEIR ENEMIES ARE ONLY TOO GLAD TO SEE DESTROYING ITSELF. TO TAKE THE PROBLEM UNDER ITS MOST ELEMENTARY ASPECT, IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES CAN ANY LONGER OBTAIN A FIREARM AS EASILY AS A CAR. NOR IS IT CONCEIVABLE, - AND THIS APPLIES TO ALL COUNTRIES - THAT MODERN NEWS AND ENJOYMENT MEDIA CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT CONTROL TO INDULGE IN A PERMANENT APOLOGY OF VIOLENCE. TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE THING, WHAT HAS TO BE RESTORED IS CIVISM, OR IN OTHER WORDS THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IMPLIES AN IMMENSE WORK OF INFORMATION, FORMATION AND RESEARCH, WHICH SO FAR HAS BEEN SACRIFICED TO THE EXCLUSIVE SATISFACTION OF MATERIAL AND

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MERCANTILE NEEDS. THIS ALSO IMPLIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FIRST TO GIVE THE EXAMPLE OF CIVISM BY STRIVING TO HEAL THE TWO CANCERS THAT ARE PRAYING ON AMERICA: THE WAR IN VIETNAM AND THE NEGRO PROBLEM. ROBERT KENNEDY WAS AWARE OF THAT. HE HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO THAT STRUGGLE, HE DIED BECAUSE OF THAT. BUT WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY FINALLY WILL BE HEARD."

GENEVIEVE TABOUIIS NOTED IN PARIS-JOUR: "THE REAL SECRET WAS THAT, AS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, ROBERT KENNEDY WAS THE ONLY ONE TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS BROTHER'S ASSASSINATION. HE HAD KEPT SILENT IN ORDER NOT TO CAUSE HORRIBLE CONVULSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT PEOPLE KNOW THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER HIMSELF RELEASED FROM HIS OATH IF HE HAD ONE DAY THE AUTHORITY OF A US PRESIDENT. THIS IS WHY, BEFORE THE MURDER, ORGANS OF THE FAR-RIGHT DESIGNATED HIM AS THE MAN TO KILL, USING HIS POSITIONS AN VIETNAM AS A PRETEXT."

LUCIENNE HUBERT-RODIER IN LA NATION CONSIDERED A HUMPHREY-MCCARTHY TICKET LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THE CHICAGO CONVENTION "UNLESS NATURALLY, PRESIDENT JOHNSON, IN A LAST MINUTE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT, BE SOLICITED BY A CHEERING CONVENTION TO PURSUE HIS TASK AT THE HEAD OF THE STATE."

G. ANDERSEN IN COMBAT CONSIDERED ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AS "A NEW TRUMP FOR MR. JOHNSON... TO THE POINT THAT HE WILL BE LED TO RECONSIDER HIS RENUNCIATION OF ANOTHER TERM." WHILE THE USSR PREVIOUSLY COULD BE INTERESTED IN PROLONGING THE WAR IN VIETNAM WITH A VIEW TO FAVORING THE ELCTION OF AN UNCONDITIONAL PARTISAN OF PEACE", HE REMARKED, "NOW, AFTER ROBERT KENNEDY'S DEATH AND THE NEW DIVERGENCES OF OPINION WITH PEKING, SOVIET DIPLOMACY HAS NO MORE REASON FOR PUSHING TO AN EXTENSION OF THE CONFLICT NOR FOR PUTTING A SPOKE IN JOHNSON'S WHEEL. THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY, DESPITE ITS RAVAGES, MAY THUS IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS CONTRIBUTE TO FAVOR EAST-WEST DETENTE." WALLNER

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AT ELEVENTH HOUR MINISTER OF STATE BHAGAT OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS CANCELLED HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON. AMBASSADOR
REPRESENTING INDIA AT KENNEDY BURIAL.
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THE HONORABLE DEAN RUSK SECRETARY
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DEEPLY SHOCKED AND GRIEVED AT THE SAD NEWS OF SENATOR KENNEDY
BELOVED AND RESPECTED FRIEND OF JAPAN. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE
CONDOLENCE.

PRESIDENT SHINOBU ICHIKAWA
OSAKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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THERE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING REACTIONS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S
ASSASSINATION:

1. FONMIN HAS EXPRESSED TO CHARGE HIS AND GRB'S SHOCK AND
REGRETS AND INFORMS THAT BURUNDI AMB WASHINGTON HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED CONVEY SAME TO DEPT.
2. LOCAL RADIO HAS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE THIS ITEM WITHOUT
EDITORIAL COMMENT EXCEPT TO CALL ASSASSINATION ITEM
OF GENERAL GRIEF TO WORLD. INITIALLY USED EDITORIAL COMMENT
FROM SUCH PAPERS AS FRENCH "HUMANITE" AND QUOTES FROM HARLEM
WHICH STRESS FACT THAT APPEARANCE OF ANY CHAMPION NEGRO RIGHTS
SEEMS CALL FOR ASSASSINATION, BUT LATER MORE BALANCED.
3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS WRITTEN AND ORAL EXPRESSIONS
FO SHOCK AND GRIEF FROM FOREIGN COLONY INCLUDING BELGIAN,
FRENCH AND CONGOLESE EMBASSIES.

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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ROMANIAN PRESS OF JUNE 6 DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO FACTUAL REPORTING OF EVENT. PRESS OF JUNE 7, WHICH ANNOUNCED HIS DEATH, COMMENTED ON ASSASSINATION. IT ALSO GAVE TEXT OF CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM GNA PRESIDENT STEFAN VOITEC TO VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDING OFFICER OF SENATE.

2. RCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE DAILY SCINTEIA OF JUNE 7, IN ARTICLE SIGNED BY ION FINTINARU (FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR), DEPLORED PASSING OF ONE OF MORE "RATIONAL" AMERICAN PUBLIC FIGURES AND NOTED THAT HIS PROGRAM INCLUDED CESSATION OF WAR IN VIET-NAM AND MORE RIGHTS FOR AMERICAN NEGRO POPULATION. MAIN THRUST OF ARTICLE, HOWEVER, WAS DIATRIBE AGAINST AMERICAN SOCIAL SYSTEM. SCINTEIA ARGUED THAT ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND

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ROBERT KENNEDY, PLUS CRIMES PERPETRATED AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS MILITANTS AND OTHER PROGRESSIVES, PRODUCE PICTURE OF SYSTEM IN WHICH "CRIME AND POLITICAL ASSASSINATION HAVE GROWN DEEP ROOTS AND GROW LIKE POISENOUS MUSHROOMS ON ROTTEN SOIL. EVERYTHING FLOWS FROM PRICIPLES AND NORMS WHICH GOVERN SYSTEM IN WHICH MONEY AND NOT MAN AND LIFE GIVE MEASURE OF ALL THINGS, IN WHICH ARBITRARINESS AND CYNICISM HAVE FREE REIN." LATER SECTION OF SCINTEIA ARTICLE ASSERTED THAT ENTIRE FBI APPARATUS IS USED IN "FEROCIOUS PERSECUTION OF DEMOCRATIC AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES, IN REPRESSION OF MOVEMENTS AGAINST SEGREGATION AND FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, IN INTIMIDATING INTELLECTUALS WITH FORWARD-LOOKING VIEWS AND THOSE WHO ARE AGAINST WAR...AT SAME TIME, RACIST, MILITARIST, AND NEW-FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FULL PROTECTION AND DO ANYTHING THEY PLEASE." ARTICLE ALSO ARGUES THAT THERE IS "CLOSE CONNECTION" BETWEEN PREVALENCE OF VIOLENCE IN U.S. INTERNAL POLITICAL LIFE AND "AGGRESSIVE" ORIENTATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, PARTICULARLY IN VIET-NAM.

3. ROMANIA LIBERA OF JUNE 7 DEVOTED MORE SPACE THAN SCINTEIA TO PAINTING FLATTERING PICTURE OF ROBERT KENNEDY (DESCRIBED AS "REMARKABLE POLITICIAN," "PROMOTER OF CIVIL RIGHTS," ADVOCATE OF "REALISTIC ATTITUDE TOWARD MANY PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE" ETC.). IT ALSO DWELLED ON STRAIN OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN POLITICS AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, QUOTED FROM ARTHUR SCHLESINGER. UNLIKE SCINTEIA, HOWEVER, IT DID NOT LAUNCH INTO ATTACK ON AMERICAN SOCIETY AS SUCH. DAVIS

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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION SENATOR KENNEDY

1. REACTION ALL MEDIA REMARKABLY RESTRAINED DURING FIRST 24 HOURS SINCE NEWS OF ATTEMPT ALTHOUGH TONE MAY CHANGE WITH NEWS OF DEATH.

2. MAJOR RADIO NEWSCASTS YESTERDAY NOON, EVENING AND THIS MORNING STUCK TO FACTUAL REPORTING, CLOSELY PARALLEL TO USIS RELEASES.

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3. MAJOR TV NEWSCAST WEDNESDAY EVENING ALSO AVOIDED EDITORIAL COMMENT WHILE OUTLINING FACTS, AND INCLUDED USIS-SUPPLIED FOOTAGE OF KENNEDY'S TRIP SOUTH AFRICA (TODAY SERIES).

4. FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ALL KINSHASA DAILIES WITH USIS SUPPLIED PHOTOS AND DETAILED REPORTING OF ATTEMPT. ONLY L'ETOILE RAN EDITORIAL WHICH WAS EMOTIONAL AND CITED RACISM AS MOTIVE OF ATTACK.

5. L'ETOILE'S EDITORIAL TITLED QUOTE AFTER DALLAS AND MEMPHIS END QUOTE SAID THAT IT IS WITH QUOTE HORROR AND PROFOUND INDIGNATION THAT WORLD LEARNED YESTERDAY OF NEWS OF IGNOBLE AND DASTARDLY ACT END QUOTE. CLAIMED THIS POINTED AGAIN TO THE QUOTE DOWNFALL END QUOTE OF QUOTE DOLLAR CIVILIZATION END QUOTE. CONTINUED SAYING THAT QUOTE DEFENDERS OF THE CIVILIZATION OF THE COLT IN US END QUOTE HAVE ATTACKED A QUOTE PARTISAN OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMANITY END QUOTE. US TERMED A COUNTRY WHERE QUOTE CAPITAL IS KING AND WHERE MOST ELEMENTARY RIGHTS OF MAN ARE JEERED AT DAILY END QUOTE. SENATOR CITED AS QUOTE CHAMPION OF ANTI-RACISM END QUOTE WHO QUOTE OVERTLY CONDEMNED JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION POLICY ON VIETNAM END QUOTE. ATTACK ON KENNEDY CALLED QUOTE NEW, DESPERATE ASSAULT END QUOTE BY AMERICAN ADHERENTS OF VIOLENCE AND MODERN SLAVERY QUOTE AGAINST IDEAL OF RACIAL BROTHERHOOD THAT WAS CHERISHED SO MUCH BY JOHN KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING END QUOTE. ETOILE SAID *SHOOTIN*.

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~~SECRET~~ REIGNED QUOTE ADVENT IN US OF ERA OF POLITICAL GANG-
STERISM END QUOTE AND CAST QUOTE INEFFACABLE SHAME ON GREAT
COUNTRY DROWNED IN VIOLENCE END QUOTE WITNESSING COLLAPSE
OF HER CIVILIZATION. ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT BLAMED ON QUOTE
POLITICAL MAFIA END QUOTE ALLIED TO ASSASSINS IN MEMPHIS AND
DALLAS. REFERRING TO JOHN KENNEFE'S ASSASSINATION, L'ETOILE.
WROTE THAT IT WAS WITH QUOTE HYPOCRITICAL INDIGNATION END QUOTE
CERTAIN AMERICAN LEADERS ATTEMPTED TO EXONERATE THEMSELVES IN
FACE OF TERRIFIED WORLD OPINION. EDITORIAL QUOTES PRESIDENT
JOHNSON'S PLEA FOR UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWING KING ASSASSINATION.
CONCLUDES THAT AMERICAN LEADERS MUST FIND THE MEN WHO ARMED
THE QUOTE CRIMINALS OF DALLAS, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES END
QUOTE.

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

REF: TUNIS 4830

1. ASSASSINATION OF SEN. KENNEDY WAS MAJOR SUBJECT IN PRESS AND MAN-IN-STREET DISCUSSION, (SUPPLANTING ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE 5.)

2. FRENCH LANGUAGE LA PRESSE EDITORIALIZED THAT KENNEDY, LIKE OTHER MEN OF HIS QUALITY, WAS VICTIM OF VENGEANCE AND HATE. EDITORIAL SAID VIOLENCE WAS BECOMING FORM OF POLITICAL ACTION NOT ONLY IN U.S. BUT THROUGHOUT WORLD WHERE VOICES OPENLY CALLED ON VIOLENCE AS SINGLE MEANS FOR ARRIVING AT POLITICAL ENDS, AND SHOWS THAT TRADITIONAL POLITICAL METHODS ARE OUT-DATED. ASSASSINATION OF KENNEDY IS ATTACK AGAINST LIBERTY, TOLERANCE, AND JUSTICE. QUOTE THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THIS NOBLE FIGURE POSES THE PROBLEM OF DEMOCRACY, LIBERTY, AND DEGRADATION OF POLITICAL VALUES IN OUR TIME. AS ALL HEROES, BOB KENNEDY LIVED FOR HIS IDEAS AND DIED FOR HIS IDEAS. THAT IS WHY THE VALUES FOR HICH HE FOUGHT WILL REMAIN ALIVE. END QUOTE

3. EDITORIALS IN TWO ARABIC PAPERS DEALTH WITH ARAB BACKGROUND OF SUSPECT. OFFICIAL AL-AMAL, AFTER PRAISING KENNEDY'S LEADERSHIP

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ABILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN GOVERNMENT, SAID IT WAS IRRELEVANT TO DISCUSS HIS OPINIONS ON ME BECAUSE KENNEDY WAS INFLUENCED, LIKE MOST OTHER AMERICANS AND NON-AMERICANS IN FREE WORLD, BY ZIONIST PROPAGANDA WHICH MISLED HIM ON PALESTINIAN AFFAIR. EDITORIAL SPOKE OUT AGAINST WAVES OF VIOLENCE IN U.S., AND SAID IT WAS INTERNAL PROBLEM THAT AMERICANS MUST FACE AS THEY FACED THEIR REVOLUTION AGAINST COLONIALS. ANY OTHER ANALYSIS OR EXPLANATION OF THIS VIOLENCE, WHETHER INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE, IS ONLY QUOTE SAND IN EYES. UNQUOTE NO MATTER WHAT IDENTITY OF CRIMINAL, HE IS AN ELEMENT OF A SOCIETY WHICH ONE AMERICAN LEADER HAS DESCRIBED AS BEING QUOTE A SICK SOCIETY. UNQUOTE

4. AS-SABAH COMMENTED MORE DIRECTLY ON BACKGROUND OF SUSPECT. NO DOUBT, IT SAYS, THAT BEHIND THIS CRIMINAL ACT THERE IS MAJOR CONSPIRACY, NURSED AND PREPARED FOR LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES, AND ZIONISM HAS HAND IN IT. WE RECEIVED WITH MUCH RESERVE, IT SAYS, INFORMATION THAT YOUNG ARAB, EVEN A CRHSITIAN, WAS INVOLVED IN CRIME AGAINST KENNEDY, PARTICULARLY FACT THAT HE DID THIS VOLUNTARILY AND ON HIS OWN, AND THAT THIS WAS RESULT OF VENGEANCE FOR HIS COUNTRY. IN ANY CASE, WE SPEAK OUT AGAINST THIS DESPICABLE MANNER OF RIDDING ONSELF OF ONE'S ADVERSARIES.

5. MAN-IN-STREET REACTION CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF SHOCK AND REGRET, MIXED WITH CONFUSION AS TO WHAT IMPLICATIONS ARE TO BE DRAWN FROM FACT THAT SUSPECT IS OF ARAB ORIGIN. LA PRESSE ARTICLE SAID, THAT, UPON HEARING NEWS OF SEN. KENNEDY'S DEATH, QUOTE BOTH HIGH OFFICIAL AND TAXI DRIVERS WERE DEEPLY AFFECTED... INNERQUOTE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE END INNER QUOTE WAS THE GENERAL REACTION. IN WORKSHOPS, SCHOOLS, AND OFFICES, THE NEWS SPREAD. EACH THOUGHTOF THE SAD DESTINY OF THESE TWO BROTHERS WHO DEDICATED THEMSELVES TO THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND WHO WERE TRAGICLY STRUCK DOWN. END QUOTE

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL COMITE ON PROGRAM AND
COORDINATION ASKED THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO EXTEND
ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND TO THE
FAMILY OF THE LATE SENATOR KENNEDY AT ITS AM MEETING JUNE 6.

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1. PARAGUAYAN OFFICIALS WHO CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO
EXPRESS CONDOLENCES FOR DEATH
SENATOR KENNEDY INCLUDED

PRES STROESSNER, FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR, PRES SUPREME
COURT SANCHEZ QUELL, PRES SENATESBRVES, AND INTERIOR
MINISTER MONTANARO. STROESSNER GESTURE NOTEWORTHY,
SINCE TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE THIS FIRST TIME HE HAS
VISITED EMB CHANCERY.

2. USIS REPORTING PRESS AND PUBLIC REACTION SEPARATELY.

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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

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UNCLAS REYKJAVIK 477

SUBJECT: SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION

FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION COMMENTS PRIMIN BJARNI BENEDIKTSSON ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION AS PUBLISHED VISIR JUNE 6: "THIS IS TOO SAD FOR WORDS, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER. PEOPLE STILL HAVE NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS HORRENDOUS ACT. THAT IS ALL THE MORE REASON TO BE WARY OF THE SPIRIT OF VIOLENCE NOW POISONING THE WORLD." ROLVAAG

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INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

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MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF TELEPHONED THIS
MORNING TO EXPRESS SAG'S SHOCK AND REGRET ABOUT ATTACK
ON SENATOR KENNEDY. EILTS

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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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UNCLAS OUAGADOUGOU 1355

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

UPPER VOLTA PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TELEPHONED EMBASSY MINUTES
AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH TO PRESENT
CONDOLENCES. DID NOT COMMENT ON CIRCUMSTANCES OTHER THAN
MEPLIOHF ASSASSIN WAS JORDANIAN. EXTENDED
SYMPATHIES AND REGRETS ON T
TRAGIC EVENT. SKINNER

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PLEASE ACCEPT ON BEHALF OF THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO THE
OAS THE DEEPEST EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH
OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WHOSE MEMORY WILL REMAIN AS A MAGNIFICENT
SYMBOL FOR THE PACIFIC AND DEMOCRATIC EVOLUTION IN LATIN AMERICA
VASCO MARIZ MINISTER REPRESENTATIVE AD INTERIM OF BRAZIL.

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1717

UNCLAS WELLINGTON 2031

SUBJECT: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

PRIME MINISTER HOLYOAKE MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO PRESS
ON LEARNING OF DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY:

"I AM SURE ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WILL HAVE FELT AN IMMEDIATE
SENSE OF GRIEF AT THE TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S
DEATH. ONCE AGAIN A GREAT AMERICAN PUBLIC FIGURE HAS BEEN CUT DOWN AS
HE CARRIED OUT THE TASKS OF OPEN CONTEST AND DEBATE WHICH ARE PART
OF THE TRUE DEMOCRATIC TRADITION. HIS PASSING IS MORE POIGNANT
BECAUSE IT ECHOES THE STARK EVENTS OF DALLAS AND REMINDS US OF
THE GREAT BURDEN OF SACRIFICE ALREADY BORNE BY THE KENNEDY
FAMILY. FOR THE UNITED STATES TO LOSE ITS GIFTED MEN IN THIS
WAY IS A SAD DISTORTION OF THE FREEDOMS WHICH THEY IN TURN
HAVE FOUGHT TO PRESERVE. THE IDEALS OF PUBLIC SERVICE WHICH
SENATOR KENNEDY STROVE TO FULFIL ARE THOSE WHICH WE IN
NEW ZEALAND SHARE AND ADMIRE. FOR THIS REASON, AMERICA'S SORROW
IS OUR SORROW, AND OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO THE SENATOR'S CLOSE FAMILY."
HENNING

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1830

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SUBJ: SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, HAS
PROCLAIMED SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF
MOURNING IN THIS COUNTRY. SMITH

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SUBJ: KENNEDY FUNERAL - JAPANESE PARTICIPATION

REF: DEPTTEL 1787283#

1. FONOFF (NORTH AMERICA SECTION) INFORMS EMBASSY THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AT FUNERAL OF SENATOR

ROBERT F. KENNEDY IN NEW YORK WILL BE AMB. SHIMODA AND
CONCUL GENERAL AT NEW YORK. HOWEVER, DIET MEMBER EIICHI
NAKAO AND MR TOKUSABURO KOSAKA ALSO PLANNING GO TO US IN
HOPES OF BEING ABLE ATTEND FUNERAL AS WELL AS INTERMENT AT
ARLINGTON IN CAPACITY REPRESENTATIVES "ROBERT KENNEDY
COMMITTEE," OF WHICH KOSAKA IS CHAIRMAN. EMBASSY AND FONOFF
HAVE CAREFULLY INFORMED NAKAO OF INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL CON-
CERNING LIMITATION OF ATTENDANCE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES AT
CATHEDRAL. FONOFF INDICATED JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON
BEING INSTRUCTED APPROACH DEPT IN HOPES SECURING SPECIAL
CONSIDERATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGED NAKAO AT LEAST BEING GIVEN
"QUASI-OFFICIAL" REPRESENTATIVE STATUS.

2. NAKAO TOLD EMBASSY HE EXPECTS BE DESIGNATED TO PRESENT
HIGHEST JAPANESE GOVERNMENT DECORATION GIVEN NON-JAPANESE TO
LATE SENATOR KENNEDY. EMBASSY RECOMMENDED HE HAVE JAPANESE
EMBASSY GET IN TOUCH WITH DEPT TO ASCERTAIN KENNEDY FAMILY
VIEWS. NORTH AMERICAN SECTION AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE.

3. KOSAKA AND NAKAO WERE AMONG THOSE INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR AND HOSTING JAPAN VISITS OF LATE SENATOR AND MRS. KENNEDY IN 1961 AND 1964 AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVE SINCE THEN IN "KENNEDY COMMITTEE" AND ITS OFFSHOOT JAPAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACTIVE ON BEHALF OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS. KOSAKA IS PRESIDENT OF LARGE CHEMICAL COMPANY AND BROTHER OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER. NAKAO IS YOUNG CONSERVATIVE MEMBER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ELECTED IN 1967.

4. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN ANY REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER CAN BE DONE TO ASSIST WITHIN APPROPRIATE LIMITS AND TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO KOSAKA AND NAKAO.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7192

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REF: STATE 178273; ROME 6113

SUBJ: VATICAN DELEGATION TO KENNEDY FUNERAL

1. POPE PAUL VI HAS ASKED CARDINAL ANGELO DELL'ACQUA,
APOSTOLIC VICAR FOR ROME, TO BE HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
AT KENNEDY FUNERAL.

2. CARDINAL DELL'ACQUA, ACCOMPANIED BY FATHER FELICE, RECTOR
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY ROME, AND SECRETARY FATHER MALAGOLA ARRIVE
NEW YORK TODAY JUNE 7 AT 1720, VISIT ST. PATRICKS THIS EVENING
AND ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICE TOMORROW.
ACKLEY

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SUBJECT: FLYING OF US NATIONAL FLAG
REF: JCS 1798/061122Z JUN 68
1. REFERENCE PROVIDED GUIDANCE CONCERNING
FLYING OF US FLAG DURING NATIONAL MOURNING
ON DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.
2. SUNDAY, 9 JUN 68, HAS BEEN DECLARED A
NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR SENATOR
KENNEDY BY PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION.
3. ALL US NATIONAL FLAGS, THEREFORE, WILL
CONTINUE TO BE FLOWN AT HALF STAFF THROUGH
9 JUN 68

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UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 1448

SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION; FURTHER REACTION

REF: CAPE TOWN 1437

1. REACTION OF SHOCK AND DISMAY DEEPENED WITH NEWS OF SEN. KENNEDY'S DEATH. CONTINUED EXTRAORDINARY PUBLIC INTEREST MANIFESTED BY VERY COMPLETE PRESS (INCLUDING SPECIAL EDITIONS) AND RADIO COVERAGE, EDITORIAL COMMENT, AND COMMENTS OF OFFICIALS AND INDIVIDUALS TO EMB AND CONGEN OFFICERS.

2. WHEN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON HIM THIS MORNING IN CONNECTION OTHER MATTERS, AND BEFORE NEWS OF DEATH, FONSEC FOURIE EXPRESSED DEEP SYMPATHY ON BEHALF SAG AND SAID PRIMIN HAD SENT TELEGRAM TO MRS. KENNEDY. (PRIMIN'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY, REPORTED PARA 3 REFTEL, CARRIED IN FULL BY CAPE TIMES AND BURGER TODAY).

3. SPEAKER HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TELEPHONED ME ON HIS OWN BEHALF AND THAT OF PARLIAMENT TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO SEN. KENNEDY'S FAMILY, AS WELL AS TO THE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF US.

2. BOTH FULL TEXT PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON SENATOR'S DEATH AND COMPLETE REPORT ON TELEVISION BROADCAST ON GUN TRAFFIC

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AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON VIOLENCE CARRIED IN AFTERNOON ARGUS.

5. AMBASSADOR MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, SUPPLEMENTING EARLIER STATEMENT ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT: "THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY GRIEVES ME DEEPLY AS IT DOES ALL AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. NOT ONLY AMERICA BUT WORLD IS POORER FOR LOSS THIS GREAT MAN WHOSE COURAGE, ABILITY AND DEEP DEDICATION TO WELL-BEING OF HUMANITY AND TO PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED". MY EARLIER STATEMENT READ AS FOLLOWS: "MY ASSOCIATES IN AMERICAN EMBASSY AND CONSULAR OFFICES IN SA HAVE JOINED ME IN PRAYERS OF ALL AMERICANS, AND PEOPLE ALL OVER WORLD, THE SEN. KENNEDY WILL SURVE THIS TRAGIC AND SHOCKING ATTEMPT UPON HIS LIFE AND THAT AMERICA WILL NOT BE DEPRIVED OF OUTSTANDING TALENT, ABILITY AND STATESMANSHIP OF THIS DISTINGUISHED LEADER. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN AND SYMPATHY, AND OF GOOD WISHES FOR SEN. KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY, FROM LEADERS AND PEOPLE IN SA". BOTH STATEMENTS CARRIED WIDELY.

6. EMBASSY AND OTHER POSTS LOWERED FLAGS TO HALF-MAST WHEN NEWS FLASH ON DEATH RECEIVED, AND OPENED CONDOLENCE BOOKS THIS AFTERNOON.

7. AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEND, WITH OTHER OFFICERS, REQUIEM MASS FOR SENATOR AT ST. MARY'S RC CATHEDRAL TODAY.

8. ALL THREE CAPE DAILY NEWSPAPERS, IN COVERING TRAGEDY, INCLUDE ARTICLES ON CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE IN WORLD AS MANIFESTED PARTICULARLY IN ASSASSINATIONS IN US. SHOCK WITH WHICH PROMINENT AMERICANS AND WORLD LEADERS REACTED COVERED IN DETAIL.

9. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 6 EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

A. DIE BURGER "ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION...MOVES SA MORE DEEPLY BECAUSE HE VISITED OUR COUNTRY AND BECAME EXTREMELY CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE". EXPRESSING SYMPATHY "ACROSS ALL DIFFERENCES" TO FAMILY, PAPER OBSERVED FAMILY "INSPIRED TEMPESTUOUS LOYALTY AND AVERSION, FAR OUTSIDE BORDERS OF US. THEY KNOW BLINDING SUCCESS AND IMMEASURABLE

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TRAGEDY". DEED "HAS FLUNG US INTO TURMOIL FOR THIRD TIME IN FIVE YEARS". EDITORIAL MENTIONS POSSIBILITY OF CONSPIRACY BUT ALSO NOTE THAT "PAMPERED GRIEVANCES OF WARPED MIND ARE STIMULATED IN ATMOSPHERE OF TURMOIL AND TENSION THAT DEVELOPS AROUND PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATE, EVEN TO EXTENT IT EVENTUALLY FINDS RELIEF THROUGH ACTION". THERE "NO DOUBT THIS DEED HAS SERVED TO STRENGTHEN IMAGE OF AMERICA AS VIOLENT COMMUNITY, WHERE LITERAL POLITICAL GANGSTERISM HAS CEASED TO CAUSE ASTONISHMENT" AND "PRIVATE POSSESSION OF ARMS TOO PLENTIFUL". CONCLUDES "WE CAN ONLY HOPE PASSIONS AROUSED BY CRUEL DEED WILL FIND ANCHORAGE WITHIN STRONG AND FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE. COUNTRY IS GOING THROUGH PERIOD OF ANXIETY AND TURBULENT EMOTIONS, IN WHICH SUCH OCCURRENCE COULD HAVE INCALCULABLE CONSEQUENCES".

B. CAPE ARGUS SAYS IT DIFFICULT OVERESTIMATE EFFECT OF DEATH ON US. CRIME WAS MORE THAN ONE ADDED TO ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. IT "MULTIPLIES THOSE INCIDENTS TO SUGGEST REAL DANGER THEY ARE BECOMING PATTERN" IN US POLITICAL LIFE, AND GIVES IMMEDIACY TO DEATHS OF LINCOLN, GARFIELD AND MCKINLEY. CONTRASTS US "VIOLENCE IN DEEDS" WITH "HIGH IDEALISM IN SPEECH". DEPLORES EASE WITH WHICH FIREARMS PURCHASED IN US. NOTES NEED FOR AND RISK IN CANDIDATES MINGLING WITH PUBLIC, IN COUNTRY WHERE "RICH ONLY ARE IN POSITION TO STAND FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND HAVE TO CONVINCE ELECTORATE THAT RICH IN SEARCH OF POWER EGALITARIAN AFTER ALL". NEED IS TO KEEP VIOLENCE OUT OF DOMESTIC POLITICS. "YET ASSAULT...APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TOUCHED OFF BY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS. CIVILIZED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT WORLD WILL DEPLORE IT AND REGARD IT AS TRAGIC REMINDER THAT RESORT TO POLITICAL ASSASSINATION HAS NO PLACE IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY".

C. CAPE TIMES SUGGESTS THAT IF THERE IS "UNIFYING PATTERN" IN ASSASSINATIONS OF PRES. KENNEDY, KING AND SEN. KENNEDY, IT NOT EASILY PERCEIVED. "IF WE COULD BELIEVE THERE WAS INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY IT COULD TO SOME EXTENT MAKE OUR FEARS BEARABLE BY POSTULATING A HUMAN ENEMY". BUT NO PATTERN SEEN, ALTHOUGH EDITORIAL NOTES ALL THREE CRIMES CARRIED OUT AGAINST "PERVERSIVE" BACKGROUND OF VIOLENCE, WHICH IS "MORAL FOG" PERMEATING WHOLE WORLD WE FORMERLY

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THOUGHT CIVILIZED. IN FACE OF ASSASSINATIONS "POLITICAL MAN
CALLS FOR MORE AND MORE RUTHLESS POLICE OR GREATER AND
GREATER CONCESSIONS TO THOSE WHO HAVE USED COMMUNAL
VIOLENCE. WHAT WORLD NEEDS IS PRIEST RATHER THAN
POLICEMAN; FOR IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT MORAL SICKNESS
PERVADING WORLD... IS SUBSTRATU FOR FANTASIES WHICH, IN
THESE POOR CREATURES, HAVE LED TO CRAZY PRESSURE UPON
TRIGGER OF GUN". TIMES ALSO CARRIES CARTOON SHOWING
"RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS" PROVISION OF CONSTITUTION RIDDLED WITH
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SUBJECT: PRD DELEGATION FOR KENNEDY FUNERAL

1. FOLLOWING PRD LEADERS GOING US FOR SENATOR KENNEDY FUNERAL:

A. SEC GEN, JOSE FRANCISCO PENA GOMEZ

B. PRESS AND PROPAGANDA SEC, DEPUTY EMMANUEL ESPINAL HERNANDEZ

C. PRES. DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL AND LEADER SENATE PRD BLOC, SENATOR SECUNDINO GIL MORALES. SENATORS'S WIFE ACCOMPANYING.

2. GROUP PLANS DEPART SANTO DOMINGO 1430 JUNE 7 ON PAA 234, ARRIVING NEW YORK 1900 EDT.

3. REQUEST DEPT URGENTLY INFORM INS ORDER TO FACILITATE ENTRY NEW YORK TO AVOID REPETITION EMBARRASSING CIRCUMSTANCES PENA GOMEZ' PREVIOUS ENTRY.

4. ESPINAL INFORMED EMBOFF GROUP THAT ALTHOUGH PLANS VAGUE, THEY EXPECT REMAIN US APPROX. ONE WEEK. SAID PENA GOMEZ MAY USE OPPORTUNITY SEE SOME US POLITICAL LEADERS, SUCH AS VICE-PRES AND SEN. MCCARTHY. EXEMPT. CRIMMINS

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY DEATH

1. REACTION OF EDUCATED ETHIOPIANS TO FIRST NEWS OF SHOOTING WAS EXTREMELY BITTER, WITH ALL REGISTERING SEVERE PESSIMISM REGARDING VIOLENT COURSE U.S. SOCIETY AND SOME BRINGING UP PLOT THEORIES LINKING SENATOR KENNEDY'S SHOOTING TO SHOOTING OF DR. KING AND PRESIDENT KENNEDY FIVE YEARS AGO. IN THIS NEW, SHOOTING CALULATED ORGANIZED ATTACK ON LIBERALISM IN U.S.

2. TODAY, WITH NEWS OF SENATOR'S DEATH AND IDENTIFICATION OF ASSASSIN AS AN ALIEN, GENERAL REACTION HAS SHIFTED MUCH MORE TO GENUINE SYMPATHY. VIEW IS THAT U.S. HAS SUSTAINED GREAT LOSS, BUT BITTERNESS HAS FADED.

3. MEDIA REACTION BY USINFO.

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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.
NEW OF KENNEDY DEATH REACHED BRAZIL 5:30
A.M. TOO LATE FOR MORNING PAPERS. FOLLOWING
IS ROUNDUP OF NEWS TREATMENT AND REACTION AS
OF NOON.

SUMMARY: DEVELOPMENT HAS COMPLETELY DOMINATED
ALL NEWS MEDIA PAST 24 HOURS. NO OTHER EVENT
OUTSIDE BRAZIL, AND ONLY ONE OF TWO WITHIN
BRAZIL, HAS RECEIVED SUCH EXTENSIVE AND INTENSIVE
NEWS COVERAGE HERE IN RECENT YEARS. ENTIRE
SECTIONS OF MAJOR PAPERS DEVOTED TO LOS ANGELES
AND RELATED EVENTS. TONE OF ALL COVERAGE REFLECTS
SHOCK AND SYMPATHY. MUCH COMMENT ON KENNEDY INTEREST
IN LATIN AMERICA AND HIS 1965 VISIT TO BRAZIL, EDITORIALS,
THINK PIECES AND COMMENTARIES PRESS RADIO TV COVER AT
GREAT LENGTH VARIETY OF THEMES ON WORLD VIOLENCE WITH
PARTICULAR ATTENTION AMERICAN VIOLENCE, OF WHICH
KENNEDY SHOOTING SEEN AS LATEST SYMPTOM. MUCH LINK-UP
WITH ASSASSINATION JOHN KENNEDY AND MANY EXPRESSIONS
CONSPIRACY THEORY.

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NEWS TREATMENT TODAY THURSDAY:

MODERATE, PRESTIGIOUS JORNAL DO BRASIL DEVOTED TWELVE PAGES TO KENNEDY SHOOTING AND RELATED MATTERS. TREATMENT RANGED OVER HISTORY KENNEDY FAMILY, BIOGRAPHY OF ROBERT, "COMMON DESTINY" OF JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY, ROBERT KENNEDY'S TRAVELS AND WRITINGS ON LATIN AMERICA, REACTION TO SHOOTING AS REPORTED FROM VARIOUS WORLD CAPITALS, PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S TV/RADIO SPEECH OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND APPOINTMENT OF MILTON EISENHOWER COMMISSION, PENTAGON ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SEVERAL THOUSAND TROOPS PUT ON ALERT. ARTICLE ON "THE ABC OF VIOLENCE" REVIEWS WORLD HISTORY OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS CONCENTRATING ON RECENT KILLINGS IN U.S., NOTING THAT "SINCE 1900 FIREARMS HAVE KILLED 800,000 AMERICANS, NOT INCLUDING THOSE KILLED IN WARS". ALSO CARRIES EDITORIAL, TWO SIGNED COLUMNS, AND SPECIAL COMMENTARY. SIMILARLY, INDEPENDENT CORREIO DA MANHA FRONT-PAGED SHOOTING AND DEVOTED SIX INSIDE PAGES TO RELATED MATTERS. CORREIO GAVE PROMINENCE TO MCCARTHY STATEMENT THAT WHOLE AMERICAN NATION IN PART TO BLAME, TO KENNEDY'S BOOK "FIGHT FOR A BETTER WORLD" WHICH ONLY RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN PORTUGUESE HERE, AND TO "THE TWO HUNDRED HOURS OF BOB IN BRAZIL" IN NOVEMBER 1965. CORREIO, AS OTHER PAPERS, CARRIES STATEMENTS OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR RELEASED BY EMBASSY YESTERDAY AND REPORTS STATEMENTS OF CHIEF IN BRAZILIAN CONGRESS. ENTIRE FRONT PAGE OF LEFTIST ULTIMA HORA DEALS WITH SHOOTING AND KENNEDY CONDITION, WHILE INSIDE PAGES GIVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO "THE AMERICAN TRAGEDY", USING PHOTOS OF ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JAMES MEREDITH, LEE HARVEY OSWALD. PAPER ALSO DEVOTES FULL PAGE SPREAD TO "RULE OF VIOLENCE" IN U.S. WITH PICTURES OF GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, KU KLUX KLAN, MALCOLM X, ETC. OTHER PAPERS SIMILARLY CARRY EXTENSIVE NEWS COVERAGE, PHOTOS, BACKGROUNDERS AND SPECULATIVE ARTICLE. EDITORIAL REACTION: CONSERVATIVE O GLOBO: "A CRIME LIKE THIS, WHICH SHOCKS THE WORLD, AFFECTS NOT JUST ONE MAN BUT INSTITUTIONS THEMSELVES... THE DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY, WHICH DEPRIVES HUMANITY, MARKS THE FAITHLESSNESS WHICH IS

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MAKING OF THIS "CENTURY OF PROGRESS" A DARK ERA OF HISTORY."

COMMENTARY IN JORNAL DO BRASIL: "HOTLY DEBATED, PRINCIPALLY WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, THE IMAGE OF BOB KENNEDY ALWAYS WAS DIFFERENT IN THE REST OF THE WORLD. BEYOND AMERICAN BORDERS, JOHN AND BOB ALWAYS SIGNIFIED DIFFERENT NAMES FOR THE SAME POLITICAL IDEAL, WHICH TODAY KAKES THE KENNEDY NAME A SYNONYM FOR DEMOCRACY AND DESTINY."
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ALBERTO DINES IN JORNAL DO BRASIL: "A SMALL SPARK
WOULD INFLAME THE COUNTRY -- THIS WAS THE SENSATION
WHICH HAS HUNG IN THE AIR IN RECENT DAYS IN THE UNITED
STATES. THE DESTRUCTION IN FRANCE, THE SMALL BUT
UNPRECEDENTED STUDENT INCIDENTS AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,
THE BITTER TASTE OF THE FAILURES IN VIETNAM, THE WAVE OF
NEGRO REBELLION... HANGING IN THE AIR IS THE GREAT QUESTION:
AFTER FRANCE, HAS THE TIME OF THE UNITED STATES COME,"
JORNAL DO BRASIL EDITORIAL: "THE ENTIRE WORLD WATCHES
WITH HORROR THE VICTORY OF VIOLENCE OVER REASON. MEN
EVERYWHERE ARE PERPLEXED BY THE WAVE OF TERROR WHICH
SUBJUGATES THE REASONING OF INTELLIGENCE, AND WHICH DARES
TO IMPOSE ITSELF AS A NORM FOR THE SOLUTION OF FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN PROBLEMS:

DANTON JOBIM IN ULTIMA HORA: "HE WAS, PERHAPS, THE BEST
OF WHAT THERE WAS IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE. HE LACKED
NOTHING, NEITHER COURAGE NOR INTELLIGENCE, NOR YOUTH.
HE REPRESENTED THE HOPE OF MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF HIS
COMPATRIOTS TOUCHED BY THE MAGIC OF THE KENNEDY CLAN.
NELSON MOTTA IN ULTIMA HORA: "THE ATTACK AGAINST BOB
KENNEDY REPRESENTS THE SAME THING AS THE ASSASSINATION
OF HIS BROTHER: THE ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH FOREVER A
PHILOSOPHY FOR LIBERTY AND AGAINST PRIVILEGE AND INJUSTICE...
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THE THIRST FOR POWER ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME, NOT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY BUT AGAINST ALL THOSE WHO STILL HAVE HOPE. THE STRIKE AGAINST BOB, INSTEAD OF BEING A MORTAL BLOW TO THE WEAK AND OPPRESSED WHOM HE DEFENDS, REPRESENTS A RENEWAL OF THE CALL. IT CREATES INDIGNATION IN THE HEART OF HUMANITY, REPRESENTS A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH SHOULD NOT WILL NOT CONTINUE". MOACIR WERNECK IN ULTIMA HORA: "DESPITE THE WARREN REPORT AND THE DILIGENT EFFORT OF THE WHITE HOUSE TO BURY THE CASE, THERE ARE STILL JUSTIFIED DOUBTS AS TO THE AUTHOR OF JOHN KENNEDY' DEATH. MORE THAN THE ISOLATED ACT OF A FANATIC, THAT ATTACK SEEMS TO HAVE INVOLVED A WHOLE GROUP OF PERSONS. IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT ONE DAY IT WILL BE REVEALED AS THE RESULT OF A DARK POLITICAL CONSPIRACY."

HELIO FERNANDES IN RIGHTIST TRIBUNA DA IMPRENSA: "WE ARE RETURNING TO THE CRUEL TIMES OF 1932, WHEN THE GREAT DEPRESSION CREATED IN GANGSTERISM A FORM OF REVOLT OF MAN AGAINST THE SYSTEM, BUT THROUGH THE ERRONEOUS MEANS OF BANDITY. NOW IT IS POLITICAL GANGSTERISM, IT IS THE PURE AND SIMPLE ELIMINATION OF THOSE WHO, FIGHTING AT THE SIDE OF POPULAR MAJORITIES, DISTURB THE PRIVILEGES OF MINORITIES MADE COMFORTABLE BY WEALTH BUT MADE FEARFUL BY THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING IT". AUSTREGESILIO DE ATAIDE, PRESIDENT OF THE BRAZILIAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS: "THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WOUNDS NOT ONLY THE DEMOCRATIC CONSCIENCE OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE MEANING ITSELF OF DEMOCRACY IN THE ENTIRE WORLD".

JOSE BONIFACIO, PRESIDENT OF FEDERAL CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, IN STATEMENT TO O GLOBO: "WE BRAZILIANS FEEL PROFOUND SADNESS, EVEN MORE BECAUSE ROBERT KENNEDY, WHEN HE WAS IN BRAZIL, LEFT US CERTAIN THAT HE WAS A GREAT DEMOCRAT, INTERESTED IN THE POLITICAL DESTINY OF THE WORLD". GILBERTO MARINHO, PRESIDENT OF SENATE: "ROBERT KENNEDY HAS PROVED HIMSELF, FOLLOWING THE SHINING STEPS OF HIS IMMORTAL BROTHER, AS ONE OF THE GREAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IDEALISM AND THE UNIVERSAL CALLING OF HIS PEOPLE. THE ASSASSINATION SHOWS ONCE AGAIN THAT INTOLERANCE, HATRED, AND POLITICAL FANATISM ARE NOT DETERRED FROM FROM STRIKING AGAINST EVEN A LIFE FRUITFULL IN SERVICES TO HUMANITY, TO THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE, LIBERTY AND

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DEMOCRACY."
RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMENTATIONS (TEXTS NOT
AVAILABLE) HAVE REFLECTED SAME RANGE OF EDITORIAL
REACTIONS, WITH MUCH EMPHASIS VIOLENCE THEME AND
EVEN MORE ATTENTION TO CONSPIRACY THEORY THAN PRESS
GIVES.
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SUBJ: REACTIONS ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. IN UNCLASSIFIED ROUNDUP CABLED SEPARATELY TODAY
WE DELIBERATELY OMITTED SOME OF MORE FAROUT COMMENT AND SPEC-
ULATION OF WHICH WE REPORT EXAMPLES HEREWITH.

2. COLUMN LEFTIST ULTIMA HORA SAYS FEW DOUBT
EXISTENCE IN US OF MAFIA IN SERVICE OF ULTRA-RE-
ACTIONARY POLITICIANS, AND EDITORIAL ASSERTS THIS
GROUP PREVENTED TESTIMONY WHICH WOULD HAVE IDENTIFIED
KILLER OF JOHN KENNEDY. ANOTHER COLUMNIST SAME
PAPER SAYS KILLERS REPRESENT SAME FORCES INTERESTED
IN MAINTAINING WAR IN VIETNAM AND WHO MURDERED
MARTIN LUTHER KING, NAMELY U.S. INDUSTRIAL-
MILITARY COMPLEX. STILL ANOTHER COLUMN SAME
PAPER IMPLIES FORCES OF JAMES HOFFA TO

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BLAME. ANOTHER COMMENTATOR SAME PAPER SAYS IT WAS ACT OF PRIVILEGED POLITICIANS TO GET RID OF IRRITATING CANDIDATE TO AVOID NEED OF ASSASSINATING HIM LATER AS PRESIDENT.

3. PROFESSOR SOBRAL PINTO IN A NOTICIA SAYS KILLING WAS BRUTAL EXPRESSION OF HATE AND SAVAGERY WHICH EXISTS IN US TODAY.

4. COLUMN "PERISCOPIO" IN DIARIO DE NOTICIAS CALLS IT "MONSTROUS CONSPIRACY." SAME PAPER PRESENTS POLL (PRESUMABLY BY TELEPHONE) OF BRAZILIAN INTELLECTUALS GIVING THEIR FEELING THAT ASSASSINATION REFLECTS CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN WHICH NO CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IS SAFE. HERON DOMINGUES COLUMN SAME PAPER IMPLIES CONNECTION WITH ASSASSINATIONS OF JOHN KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING.

5. TV COMMENTATOR DAVID NASSER LAST NIGHT SAID THAT WHILE LATIN AMERICA EXILES POLITICAL LEADERS, US MURDERS THEM.

6. WHILE CONFIRMED ANTI-AMERICANS OBVIOUSLY HAVE SOUGHT TO PUT WORST FACE ON EVENTS, MANY FRIENDLY OBSERVERS ALSO SEEM CONVINCED OF CONSPIRACY. THIS INCLUDES BRAZILIAN FRIENDS WHO HAVE VISITED EMBASSY TO EXPRESS PERSONAL SYMPATHY.

7. FROM FOREGOING, AND FROM TENOR OF UNCLASSIFIED ROUNDUP SEPARATE TELEGRAM, CAN BE SEEN THAT GENERAL IMAGE OF US SOCIETY BADLY DAMAGED. MEDIA COMMENTS OF SYMPATHY OR PRAISE FOR KENNEDY WERE FAR, FAR OUTWEIGHED BY EXTENSIVE STORIES AND COMMENT WHICH STRESS ASPECTS OF CHRONIC VIOLENCE AND CONSPIRACY. TUTHILL

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

1. ATTEMPT ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S LIFE (HIS DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED AFTER ALL PAPERS HAD APPEARED OR GONE TO PRESS) HAS BEEN MAJOR NEWS STORY AND HAS BEEN GIVEN EDITORIAL TREATMENT IN ALL PAPERS PAST TWO DAYS. RADIO AND TV HAVE MODIFIED REGULAR SCHEDULES WITH SPECIAL PROGRAMS INCLUDING FILM FOOTAGE FROM LOS ANGELES. EDITORIAL COMMENT EPI TOMIZED BY EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND AMERICAN PEOPLE. MANY EDITORIALS, HOWEVER, INCLUDED CRITICAL REFERENCES TO ALLEGED ILLS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY AND SUGGESTIONS THAT CONSPIRACY INVOLVED.

2. SOME EXAMPLES: LA CITE (LABOR CATHOLIC) PLAYING ON CONSPIRACY THEME STATED THAT "ONE CONSPIRACY" HAD LED TO ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING AND NOW SENATOR KENNEDY. PAPER FOLLOWED WITH ALLEGATION THAT AUTHORS OF SUCH ACTS USUALLY ACQUITTED IF THEIR VICTIM WAS NEGRO. MASS CIRCULATION LE SOIR (INDEPENDENT) RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT A "SINISTER CONSPIRACY" MIGHT EXIST TO ELIMINATE "MOST EMINENT LIBERAL LEADERS" IN U.S. EVEN IF SENATOR KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION WAS NOT DIRECT RESULT OF SUCH PLOT, PAPER SUGGESTED IT HAD COME OUT OF CLIMATE OF EXTREME RIGHT-WING FANATICISM. THE U.S. FACED THE "GRAVEST INTERNAL CRISIS IN A CENTURY."

3. ANOTHER COMMON THEME WAS THAT ATTACK REFLECTED DEEP-ROOTED STRAIN OF VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN LIFE AND CHARACTER. SEVERAL PAPERS ATTACKED FAILURE TO PASS STRICT LAWS AGAINST THE SALE OF

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GUNS. HET VOLK (LABOR CATHOLIC) SPOKE OF " CULT OF VIOLENCE" IN U.S. AND HOPED THAT AMERICAN CONSCIENCE WOULD BE AWAKENED TO REPUDIATE THIS. DE NIEUWE GIDS (CATHOLIC) EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ANY COUNTRY IN WHICH IT WAS " SO EASY" TO BUY ARMS WAS " MORALLY SICK."

4. INFLUENTIAL LA LIBRE BELGIQUE (CATHOLIC CONSERVATIVE) SPOKE OF DISTANCE YET REMAINING BEFORE TRULY " GREAT SOCIETY" COULD EXIST IN U.S. RAPIDLY INCREASING CRIME RATE AND WAVE OF VIOLENCE RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER US WAS " REGRESSING TO PRIMITIVE MORALITY OF IONEER DAYS." PROFOUND SOCIAL REFORMS WERE NECESSARY " TO RESTORE MORAL ORDER."

5. VOLKSGAZET (SOCIALIST) EXPRESSED OPINION THAT AMERICAN PRESTIGE ABORAD WOULD INEVITABLY BE DAMAGED BY THIS FURTHER ACT OF " BLIND VIOLENCE AND HATE." KNIGHT

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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO KENNEDY SHOOTING

1. FIVE EDITORIALS REVIEWED BY EMB THIS MORNING ALL DENOUNCED SHOOTING OF KENNEDY AS TRAGIC RESULT OF FEARFUL INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN US. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL WAS SURPRISINGLY DENUNCIATORY WHEN STATING THAT ONE ASPECT OF QTE THE VERY INDIVIDUAL KIND OF VIOLENCE THAT IS AMERICAN IS THAT LEADERS OF MINORITIES, LEADERS WHO GO AGAINST THE MAJORITY, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE SPECIAL TARGETS OF ASSASSINS UNQTE. EDITORIAL TERMED THESE ASSASSINS AS QTE OFTEN LITTLE MEN, THEMSELVES OPPRESSED, WHO PERHAPS SEE IN THEIR SINGLE ACT OF OBLITERATION A LONELY JOINING OF THEMSELVES TO THE AMERICAN DREAM OF GREATNESS THAT IS OTHERWISE BEYOND THEM UNQTE. GLOBE AND MAIL THEN CONDEMNED A TYPE OF FREEDOM IN WHICH EACH MAN, EACH NATION, HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE THE LAW AND TO JUDGE OTHERS, USING THE GUN AS EQUALIZER WHETHER IN THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL OR IN VIETNAM. PAPER ADDED US WILL NOT PUT AWAY ITS GUNS AT HOME OR ABROAD, BUT THERE IS HOPE WHEN MEN LIKE KENNEDY AND MCCARTHY CONTINUE TO DISSENT AGAINST VIOLENCE.

2. MONTREAL STAR, TORONTO TELEGRAM, MONTREAL GAZETTE, AND MONTREAL FRENCH-LANGUAGE LE DEVOIR ALL CITED CONTINUATION OF SUCH UNRESTRAINED VIOLENCE AS INTRODUCTION TO ANARCHY AND EVENTUAL THREAT TO WORLD CIVILIZATION. TELEGRAM, GAZETTE, AND STAR VIEWED U.S. VIOLENCE AS PART OF UNIVERSAL UNREST. GAZETTE STATED QTE ALL VIOLENCE HAS AN UNDERLYING KINSHIP

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UNQTE AND THEN ASKED QTE WHAT NATION CAN JUSTIFY ANY HASTE IN HURLING THE FIRST STONES? UNQTE

3. THE STAR QUOTED A U.S. MARINE COLONEL AS SAYING QTE WHEN YOU GET TO A POINT WHERE ANYONE WHO RISES AND SPEAKS GOES DOWN, THEN THIS IS THE FIRST STEP BACK TO THE DARK AGES UNQTE. ALL EDITORIALS EXPRESSED THE SAME FEAR THAT, AS LE DEVOIR TERMED IT, QTE THE CLIMATE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VIOLENCE WHICH HAS IN THESE LAST FEW YEARS CAST ITS SHADOW OVER POLITICAL DIALOG...MAY BE IN TURN THE SYMPTOM OF A SOCIETY WHOSE MORAL FOUNDATIONS ARE COLLAPSING UNQTE. GAZETTE ALSO WARNED OF DOOM OF A DEMOCRACY WHICH ERODES THE LAW WITH A QTE GRADUAL WEARING AWAY BY MINOR ACTS OF DESTRUCTION UNQTE, AND BY TEACHING THROUGH EXAMPLE THAT VIOLENCE IS RIGHT WHEN USED AGAINST LAWS WHICH EACH INDIVIDUAL FEELS FREE TO JUDGE FOR HIMSELF ARE GOOD OR BAD. GAZETTE CHARACTERIZED THE US AS FILLED WITH ANGUISH THAT ITS LEADERS CANNOT LIVE IN SAFETY. STAR STATED DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON ALL ABIDING BY RULES. QTE WITHOUT A RETURN TO LAW AND ORDER...WE ARE HEADING SWIFTLY TOWARDS DISASTER UNQTE.

4. TELEGRAM CALLED FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO ASSESS HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN FREEDOM AND QTE TO DECIDE IF WE ARE GIVING ENOUGH OF OURSELVES TO OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FELLOW MAN UNQTE.

5. STAR MADE UNIQUE POINT WHEN QUOTING ERIC SEVEREID'S STATEMENT CONCERNING QTE THE DISCIPLINE WHICH PROTEST MUST IMPOSE ON ITSELF IF IT IS NOT TO PRODUCE THE KIND OF BACKLASH WHICH WOULD LEAD TO REPRESSION UNQTE. STAR CALLED FOR SPEEDING UP OF LAWFUL CHANGE TO AVOID LAST RESORT OF PROTEST BY VIOLENCE AND WITH IT QTE A FRIGHTENED REACTION BY THE GREAT BODY OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN WHICH CAN LEAD SOMEWHERE CLOSE TO TYRANNY UNQTE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 15729

SUBJ: FRENCH REACTION TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

1. FRENCH REACTION TO NEWS OF ASSASSINATION SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS GENERALLY REFLECTED ONE OR BOTH OF TWO THEMES: DEEP SENSE OF LOSS FOR GREAT MAN AND MEMBER OF GREAT FAMILY; AND FEELING THAT UNITED STATES IS PREY TO SEEMINGLY INCURABLE EPI-
DEMIC OF VIOLENCE WHICH COULD SPREAD ELSEWHERE. TELEGRAMS SENT BY PRESIDENT DEGAULLE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND MRS. ROBERT KENNEDY EXPRESS ONLY SYMPATHY AND SORROW. SAME IS TRUE OF TELE-
GRAM SENT TO US SENATE IN NAME OF FRENCH SENATE BY GASTON MONNERVILLE. COVERAGE BY PRESS AND RADIO (REPORTED SEPTEL) IN NO WAY NEGLECTS THIS FIRST THEME BUT EMPHASIS OF MOST COMMENTARY IS ON VIOLENCE, JUST AS IT WAS WHEN MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS ASSASSINATED (PARIS 12393). CONSPIRACY THEME HAS ALSO REAPPEARED, CHARACTERISTICALLY IN GAULLIST ORGAN AND COMMUNIST ORGAN HUMANITE. CABINET MEETING JUNE 5 ALSO PLACES ACCENT ON SECOND THEME, AS DOES JUNE 5 STATEMENT OF UDV SECRETARY GENERAL ROBERT POUJADE. INTENT OF THESE TWO STATEMENTS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AT LEAST IN PART, TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM GAULLISTS' OWN PROBLEMS.

3. MIN INFO GUENA SAID ON JUNE 5 APROPOS OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT THAT FRENCH CABINET HAD "EXPRESSED ITS EMOTION AND ITS SYMPATHY FOR SENATOR KENNEDY, AND STATED ITS CONCERN OVER THE EVENTUAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE ATTEMPT." POUJADE'S HIGHLY POLITICIZED STATEMENT TO PRESS DESCRIBED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AS "NEW ATROCITY" AND WENT ON TO SAY: "WHEN VIOLENCE INSTALLS ITSELF IN A NATION, WHEN POLITICAL ASSASSINATION BECOMES COMMON PRACTICE, WE ARE REVERTING TO PRIMITIVE TIMES WHEN SOCIETY

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WAS LAWLESS. FRENCH PEOPLE WILL REFLECT ON CONSEQUENCES WHICH STEM FROM PROVOCATION TO VIOLENCE ALL THE MORE ATTENTIVELY THAN IF THEY WERE STILL LEADING TRANQUIL LIFE THEY ENJOYED DURING PAST TEN YEARS." SAME APPROACH TAKEN BY SEVERAL JOURNALISTS, NOTABLY MICHEL GORDEY OF PRO-GAULLIST FRANCE-SOIR WHO ENDS EDITORIAL IN JUNE 6 EDITION AS FOLLOWS: "THESE LAST WEEKS, THE FRENCH PEOPLE ALSO HAVE FELT THE BURNING BREATH OF VIOLENCE PASS BY. IT WAS DIFFERENT, IN ITS CAUSES AND ITS FORM FROM THAT OF THE UNITED STATES. THANK GOODNESS (HEURESEMENT)."

4. POLITIBUREAU OF FEDERATION OF LEFT ISSUED STATEMENT JUNE 5, HOPING THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD BE ABLE "CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPEMENT OF A POLICY OF DEMOCRACY AND PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES" AND CASTIGATING VIOLENCE AS "REPUGNANT TO ALL THOSE ATTACHED TO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY."

5. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SCORES OF TELEPHONE CALLS, TELEGRAMS AND NOTES FROM FRENCH OFFICIALS, BUSINESSMEN AND MEN-IN-STREET, AND FROM DIPLOMATIC CORPS EXPRESSING IN MOVING TERMS THEIR VERY REAL AND DEEP SYMPATHY FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE UNITED STATES IN THIS TIME OF DARKNESS. ALSO, STREAM OF PERSONS HAS BEEN FLOWING THROUGH EMBASSY LOBBY ALL DAY JUNE 6 TO SIGN BOOK OPENED FOR EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL SYMPATHY.

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SUBJECT: REACTION TO ROBERT KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

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1. NLC CHAIRMAN ANKRAH, VICE CHAIRMAN HARLEY, OTHER MEMBERS NLC, CHIEF JUSTICE AKUFO-ADDO AND COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANIN ARE AMONG HUNDREDS OF GHANAIS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED PRIVATELY THEIR SORROW AND CONCERN. GENERAL TONE IS ONE OF COMPASSION THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN IN U.S.

2. ON BEHALF GOVERNMENT, COMMISSIONER ANIN JUNE 5 EXPRESSED QTE SHOCK AND DISMAY AT THE BRUTAL ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. UNQTE SAID GOVERNMENT PRAYING FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY.

3. AS OF MORNING JUNE 6 NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.
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SUBW: DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY

OPENING SESSION UGANDA PEOPLES CONGRESS ANNUAL CONVENTION WAS INTERRUPTED BY PRESIDENT A. MILTON OBOTE, WHO OFFERED IN NAME OF UPC, UNIP (ZAMBIAN PARTY), TANU (TANZANIAN PARTY), KANU (KENYAN PARTY) AND MRP (CONGO(K)PARTY) BRIEF, DIGNIFIED AND ELOQUENT RESOLUTION HONORING LATE SENATOR AND SENDING CONDOLENCES HIS FAMILY. THIS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY. WILL ENDEAVOR SECURE COMPLETE TEXT.
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THE ATTEMPT ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY OVERSHADOWED THE STRIKE SITUATION AND THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN AT HOME IN THE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS WHICH WENT TO PRESS BEFORE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SENATOR'S DEATH.

THE GAULLIST ORGAN LA NATION EDITORIALIZED: "HOW NOT TO ESTABLISH POINT OF SIMILARITY IN THE CRIMINAL ATTEMPTS AGAINST THE TWO BROTHERS AND THE ONE WHICH COST REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING HIS LIFE?... NOTHING IS CLEAR IN THE LOS ANGELES CRIME... WHAT HAVE THE KENNEDYS DONE TO BE THUS CONSIDERED AS NUISANCES THAT HAD TO BE ELIMINATED AT ANY COST? OF WHAT CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS OR OF WHAT INTERESTS ARE THEY THE VICTIMS?" THE COMMUNIST ORGAN HUMANITE HEADLINED: "THE ATTEMPT ON ROBERT KENNEDY: NEW PHASE IN THE CONSPIRACY OF THE PARTY OF WAR." THE EDITORIAL "THE CONSPIRACY" SAID: "IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT ROBERT KENNEDY WAS HIT AT THE VERY MOMENT WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUCCESS HE HAD JUST WON IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES NOTABLY IMPROVED HIS CHANCES IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION." THE FINANCIAL DAILY LES ECHOS EDITORIALIZED: "ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED YOUNG POLITICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE BY THE BULLETS OF A KILLER. AMERICAN JUSTICE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CRIME OF AN ISOLATED ELEMENT IS INVOLVED OR WHETHER THE LONG CHAIN OF KILLERS WHO, IN LESS THAN FIVE YEARS, SHOT DOWN SOME OF THE MOST ARDENT AND RESPECTED LEADERS OF THE REFORMIST MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES WAS RAISED UP AND ARMED BY POLITICAL FANATICS. AS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IT BELONGS TO THEM TO PONDER ON THE CAUSES AND THE MEANING OF THAT RESORT TO

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VIOLENCE IN A STATE WHERE DEMOCRACY IS READILY CITED AS AN EXAMPLE... BOB KENNEDY'S REMOVAL FROM THE RACE IS LIKELY TO FALSIFY THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION FOR WHICH THE AMERICANS ARE PREPARING. INDEED THE LEFTIST TENDENCY IS STILL REPRESENTED BY SENATOR MCCARTHY IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THE BROTHER OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, HOWEVER, WOULD HAVE GONE TO THE BATTLE WITH BETTER TRUMPS THAN HIS RIVAL. NOW, THE WAY APPEARS CLEAR FOR VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY IN THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP."

FIGARO FEATURED ON PAGE ONE AN ARTICLE BY WRITER ROMAIN GARY WHO REVEALED THAT ROBERT KENNEDY TOLD HIM A FORTNIGHT AGO: "I KNOW THAT, SOONER OR LATER, THERE WILL BE A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT. NOT SO MUCH FOR POLITICAL REASONS: BECAUSE OF CONTAGIOUSNESS... OF EMULATION. WE LIVE IN AN ERA OF EXTRAORDINARY PSYCHIC CONTAGIOUSNESS. BECAUSE A GUY KILLS MARTIN LUTHER KING HERE, ANOTHER 'CONTAMINATED' FELLOW WILL IMMEDIATELY TRY TO KILL A GERMAN STUDENT LEADER." M. CHATELAIN REMARKED IN ANOTHER ARTICLE: "JOHN KENNEDY WAS SAID TO HAVE A SORT OF INSTINCTIVE FOREKNOWLEDGE. DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS UNDER A DEFERRED SENTENCE OF DEATH? PEOPLE SAID IT... THE ARTICLE BY ROMAIN GARY SEEMS INDEED TO CONFIRM THAT HE (ROBERT KENNEDY) HAD FORESEEN HIS FATE."

ROGER MASSIP NOTED, ALSO IN FIGARO: "ONE CAN ALREADY HOLD AS CERTAIN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ROBERT KENNEDY FROM THE ELECTORAL SCENE. THE CONSEQUENCES FROM THE ATTEMPT ARE GOING TO UPSET THE ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN ELECTION CAMPAIGN. SPECULATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS ALREADY GO AT A GOOD ROUND PACE. ONE OF THEM CONCERNS THE CHANCES OF EUGENE MCCARTHY SINCE THE RESULTS OF THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES SHOWED THAT THE SENATOR OF MINNESOTA AND ROBERT KENNEDY COULD MUSTER TOGETHER 80-0/0 OF THE VOTES. WILL NOT THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR THE SENATOR OF NEW YORK BE TEMPTED TO TRANSFER THEIR SUFFRAGES TO MCCARTHY RATHER THAN... WALLNER

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TO VICE PRESIDENT HUMPHREY? ANOTHER ASSUMPTION EXPECTS THE ATTEMPT TO BE BENEFICIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY SINCE AN ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS CANDIDATE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. IN A FEW SECONDS TIME, EVERYTHING ASSUREDLY HAS BEEN CHALLENGED AGAIN."

R. FAURE WROTE IN AURORE: "AS JOHN KENNEDY, ROBERT TOOK SIDES ON ALL PROBLEMS: AGAINST RACIAL VIOLENCE, FOR A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM, FOR ISRAEL... AT LEAST, THE LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY DOES NOT SEEM SHROUDED IN THE SAME MYSTERY AS THE ONE IN DALLAS. DID NOT THAT YOUNG PALESTINE ARAB EMPTYING HIS PISTOL ON THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN THE EVENING OF HIS VICTORY IN THE CALIFORNIA PRIMARIES WANT TO PUNISH THE MAN WHO HAD SUPPORTED THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THEIR DEFENSE OF THEIR RIGHT TO LIVE, IN THE STYLE OF THE EL FATAH SUICIDE COMMANDO TEAMS? THIS IS BELIEVABLE. BUT BOB KENNEDY MAY QUITE AS WELL HAVE FALLEN UNDER THE BLOWS FROM THE MAFFIA... OR UNDER THE SAME BULLETS AS THOSE WHICH KILLED REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING. ANYWAY, HIS RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE IS FINALLY BROKEN BUT MAY OPEN THE WAY FOR EUGENE MC CARTHY, THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE WHOSE LIBERAL IDEAS ARE CLOSEST TO HIS OWN."

MICHEL VOIROL WROTE IN COMBAT: "SO MANY PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN THE ELIMINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY THAT THE ASSUMPTION OF A PLOT CANNOT BE RULED OUT. IN THAT CASE THE PERSONALITY OF THE MURDERER WOULD ONLY BE A CLEVER DEVICE TO CONFUSE TRACKS. AMERICAN AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THIS TIME WILL NOT ACCEPT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE ASSASSIN AND THE BURIAL OF THE AFFAIR UNDER ANOTHER WARREN REPORT."

LE MONDE EDITORIALIZED: "WILL THIS MURDEROUS MADNESS EVER STOP?"

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LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE DALLAS TRAGEDY, TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, ANOTHER POLITICAL CRIMINAL ATTEMPT PROFOUNDLY SHATTERS THE SELF-CONFIDENCE OF AMERICA. FOR, APART FROM NAZI LEADER LINCOLN ROCKWELL, ALL THE VICTIMS OF THAT VIOLENCE BELONG TO THE FAMILY OF LIBERALS AND ADVOCATES OF INTEGRATION. IF THE ASSASSINS ARE UNBALANCED PEOPLE, THEY NEVERTHELESS CHOOSE THEIR VICTIMS IN THE SAME CAMP AND, IN PREFERENCE, AMONG THE MEN WHO EMBODY THE IMAGE WHICH PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF PERSONAL SYMPATHIES, LIKE TO ASCRIBE TO AMERICA. FROM DALLAS TO LOS ANGELES, TRAGEDY COMES ONCE AGAIN UPON A FAMILY WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SPARED MANY OTHER ORDEALS, DESPITE EVERY EXTERNAL SIGN OF SUCCESS IN A SOCIETY MERCILESS TO WEAK AND ERRATIC PEOPLE. BOTH ADMIRER AND CONTROVERSIAL, OBJECTS OF ENVY AND JEALOUSY, THE KENNEDYS APPEAR TO BE A CHOICE TARGET FOR EMBITTERED AND NEUROTIC PEOPLE, AND ALSO PERHAPS FOR ALL PEOPLE DISQUIETED BY A PROFOUND ASPIRATION TO THE RENEWAL OF A CIVILIZATION SHAKEN BY ALARMING CRIMES. VIOLENCE IS EVERYWHERE, IN THE BIG CITIES PREY TO RACIAL STRIFE, AMONG A YOUTH WHICH CONFUSELY FEELS AN IRREPRESSIBLE UNEASINESS, AMONG THE POOR AND LOWLY WHO DID NOT FIND THEIR PLACE IN THE SUN, AS AMONG THE HAVES, AMONG THE ORGANIZED GANGS AGAINST WHICH THE POLICE WAGE A LITTLE EFFECTIVE STRUGGLE, BUT ALSO AMONG THE RIGHT THINKERS WHO, IN THE MILLIONS, JOIN SHOOTING CLUBS IN ORDER TO ASSURE THEIR OWN DEFENSE."

FRENCH COMMERCIAL RADIO STATIONS COVERED EXTENSIVELY THE TRAGEDY AS IT DEVELOPED -- ESPECIALLY EUROPE NUMBER ONE, WHICH HAPPENED TO HAVE THREE CORRESPONDENTS ON THE SPOT. THE GOVERNMENT-RUN RADIO AND TV CURRENTLY ON STRIKE ONLY HAD BRIEF NEWS SUMMARIES DRAFTED BY A FEW NON-STRIKING JOURNALISTS.
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SUBJECT: KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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1. LA TRIBUNA INDEPENDENT EDITERIALLY CALLED ROBERT KENNEDY CRUSADER FOR LIBERTY, DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY WHO HAS FALLEN; STATED THIS IS GRAVE LOSS FOR AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE, ADDING THAT "NO NATION CAN BE LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD WHERE GUNMEN, ACTING EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR CARRYING OUT PLOTS OF OTHERS, CAN END THE LIFE OF JUST REFORMERS AND PATRIOTS IN WHOM HUMANITY PLACES ITS CONFIDENCE." TRIBUNA ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT DISTURBANCE IN FRANCE, ITALY AND OTHER NATIONS OF OLD WORLD, ASKING, "WHO CAN DENY THAT THE STRINGS OF THESE INTRIGUES ARE BEING PULLED BY A POWER WHICH HOPES TO HARVEST RESULTS AT AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT?"

2. DAILY ABC INDEPENDENT SAID KENNEDY REPRESENTED THE MOST LUCID CONSCIENCE OF A NEW GENERATION OF MEN DISPOSED TO BREAK WITH OLIGARCHIC PRIVILEGE, RACIAL SEGREGATION AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. IT SAID THAT LATIN AMERICA FOR THE SECOND TIME HAS BEEN FRUSTRATED IN ITS HOPE FOR A RADICAL CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY.

3. ABC ALSO DECLARED AMERICANS LIVE IN AN INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY WHERE MATERIAL VALUES STAND OUT MORE THAN MORAL ONES. "THEY

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BUILD THEIR LIFE ON A BASE OF MATHEMATICAL CALCULATION, AN IMAGE WHICH, MOREOVER, THEY HAVE GIVEN US THROUGH THEIR FILMS, TELEVISION PROGRAMS AND THE PROPAGANDA DIRECTED BY THEIR PRESS OFFICES."

4. ABC ALSO ASKED HOW THE UNITED STATES COULD POSSIBLY CONVINCE LATIN AMERICANS OF ITS FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS WHEN IT DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE REAL DIMENSION OF LATIN AMERICAN PROBLEMS.

5. ITS CARTOON ON EDIT PAGE SHOWED STATUE OF LIBERTY WITH TORCH IN ONE HAND AND OTHER HAND HOLDING PISTOL, WITH TITLE, "WITHOUT WORDS."

6. COLORADO ORGAN PATRIA REFERRED TO VIOLENCE OCCURRING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD AND DECLARED "THE WAVE OF SAVAGERY MUST BE ENDED. DEMOCRACY MUST BE DEFENDED WITH SOMETHING MORE THAN WORDS." KARST

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FOR CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FROM AMBASSADOR

IRISH CONSUL GENERAL NEW YORK HAS BEEN ASKED ARRANGE PRIME
MINISTER LYNCH ACCOMODATION FOR FRIDAY NIGHT SUGGEST YOU
CONTACT HIM SINCE GOI DOES NOT KNOW WHERE ACCOMODATION HAS
BEEN ARRANGED. GUEST

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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN REACTION TO KENNEDY DEATH

1. NICARAGUANS SHARE OUR SHOCK AND INCREDULITY OVER ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY. PRESIDENT SOMOZA, WHO HAD ALSO PREVIOUSLY SENT MESSAGE TO MRS. KENNEDY, OPENED HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY

BY EXPRESSING GON AND HIS PERSONAL CONDOLENCES ON OCCASION OF KENNEDY DEATH (SEE USINFO FILED TODAY BY USIS).

2. NEWS MEDIA HAVE GIVEN EXTREMELY HEAVY WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE AND EDITORIAL COMMENTARY TO ASSASSINATION. SOME LOCAL COMMENTATORS AND EDITORIAL WRITERS HINT AT DARK CONSPIRACY, STRESSING "RAPID DEGENERATION U.S. SOCIAL FABRIC AS CLIMATE OF VIOLENCE AND GANGSTERISM." OTHERS HAVE TAKEN MORE RESPONSIBLE LINE; SOCIAL CHRISTIAN RADIO COMMENTATOR SAID "U.S. IN CRISIS OF GROWTH RATHER THAN CRISIS OF DECAY -- MAYBE NOW U.S. CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN AROUSED SEEK NEW ROADS, NEW FRONTIERS".

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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF KENNEDY SHOOTING

1. SOVIET MEDIA (PRESS AND TV) IMMEDIATELY SEIZED UPON SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY AS THEME FOR VICIOUS PROPAGANDA ATTACKS UPON US DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, AS WELL AS ENTIRE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND WAY OF LIFE IN AMERICA. CONSPICUOUSLY MISSING IS ANY MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO KENNEDY FAMILY OR PEOPLE OF USA.
2. IN PROMINENT COVERAGE BY KONDRASHEV AND COMMENTARY BY SEVEROV ON FRONT PAGE LAST NIGHT'S IZVESTIYA, AS WELL AS LENGTHY COMMENTARY BY VISHNEVSKIY TODAY'S PRAVDA, ATROCITIES, POLITICAL TERROR, ASSASSINATIONS, AND LYNCHINGS ARE DESCRIBED AS CHARACTERISTIC ELEMENTS WHICH ARE ENGENDERED IN US BY ALLEGED ALLEGED POLICIES OF RACISM, WARS OF AGGRESSION, DOMINATION BY MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, AND DEVELOPMENT OF ULTRA-RIGHT MOVEMENTS.
3. SOVIETS CHARACTERIZE SENATOR AS FAITHFUL SERVANT OF "RULING CLASS" IN HIS ASSOCIATION WITH SENATOR JOSEPH MCCARTHY AND HIS TENURE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA COMMENTARY, WHEN KENNEDY, ALLEGEDLY UNDER PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION, OPPOSED ESCALATION OF VIETNAM WAR, HE EARNED HATRED OF ULTRA-REACTIONARIES. ARTICLES SUGGEST BOTH OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE AND EVEN CONNIVANCE IN SHOOTINGS. PRAVDA ASSERTS THAT EVAN A "BOURGEOIS LEADER" WHO DEPARTS THE SLIGHTEST DEGREE FROM GENERAL LINE OF IMPERIALISM IS SUBJECT TO ELIMINATION.

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4. COVERAGE THUS FAR HAMMERS HOME CRITICISM OF AMERICA, ESPECIALLY BY CATALOGUING VIOLENT DEATHS OF NEGRO LEADERS EVERS, JACKSON, MALCOLM X AND KING, AND BY ASSERTING EXISTENCE IN US OF WIDESPREAD REPRESSION AGAINST POOR PEOPLE, PROGRESSIVE OR ANTI-WAR ELEMENTS, WORKERS, AND, OF COURSE, COMMUNIST PARTY.

5. TELEVISION COVERAGE LAST NIGHT FOLLOWED SAME LINE AS CENTRAL PRESS, ATTACKING VERY FABRIC OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT US LAW THEORETICALLY SHOULD PROVIDE PROTECTION AND LIBERTIES, TV DEVELOPED THEME WITH CORRESPONDING PICTORIAL MATERIAL THAT ACTUAL EVENTS FAR CRY INDEED FROM PROVISIONS OF LAW.

6. SO FAR, NO MENTION MADE OF NATIONAL ORIGINS OF ACCUSED KILLER EXCEPT STATEMENT THAT HE REPORTEDLY ONCE LIVED IN JERUSALEM. THIS ASPECT OF CRIME MAY CAUSE SOVIETS SOME PROBLEMS IN SUBSEQUENT TREATMENT OF ASSASSINATION. INDICATIONS AT THIS STAGE ARE THAT WE IN FOR MAJOR OUTPOURING OF ANTI-US PROPAGANDA ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE. GIVEN THEIR CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST ALLEGED IMPERIALIST CAMPAIGN SUBVERT SOCIALIST CAMP BY IDEOLOGICAL PENETRATION, SOVIETS PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT THIS TRAGIC EVENT AS MANIFESTATION "TRUE" NATURE OF FREE SOCIETY. THOMPSON

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY FUNERAL AND INTERMENT

1. AS OF 6:00 P. M. WASHINGTON TIME, JUNE 6, WE UNDERSTAND FROM KENNEDY FAMILY THAT FOLLOWING ARE PLANS FOR FUNERAL AND INTERMENT OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY:

(A) THE SENATOR'S BODY WILL LIE IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL IN NEW YORK CITY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. EDT, FRIDAY, JUNE 7.

(B) FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL IN NEW YORK CITY AT 10:00 A.M. EDT SATURDAY MORNING JUNE 8.

(C) FOLLOWING FUNERAL SERVICES, BODY WILL BE TAKEN FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON BY SPECIAL TRAIN, ARRIVING APPROXIMATELY 4:00 P.M. EDT.

(D) AFTER PROCESSION, BURIAL WILL BE AT ARLINGTON CEMETARY AT APPROXIMATELY 5-5:30 P. M. EDT, SATURDAY JUNE 8.

2. INVITATIONS FROM FAMILY WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO ATTENDEES FOR EACH COUNTRY WHICH MAY DESIRE TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND FUNERAL. SPACE IN CATHEDRAL WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED, AND IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ASSURE ATTENDANCE OF ANY ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. WE ASSUME MOST GOVERNMENTS WHO WISH TO HAVE REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND WILL DESIGNATE THEIR LOCAL AMBASSADOR OR UN REP.

3. WE HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM A FEW COUNTRIES THAT THEY WILL SEND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FUNERAL. ONLY IF ASKED RPT ONLY IF ASKED BY HOST GOVERNMENT CONCERNING LEVEL OF SUCH REPRESENTATIVES, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT A PARLIAMENTARY OR MINISTERIAL LEVEL REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. AT SAME TIME YOU SHOULD INDICATE SEVERE SPACE PROBLEM DESCRIBED ABOVE.

4. BURIAL AT ARLINGTON WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THERE WILL BE A LESS STRINGENT LIMIT ON OTHER COUNTRY REPRESENTATION AT BURIAL. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR DIPLOMATIC AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES TO AND FROM NEW YORK CITY AND WASHINGTON ON JUNE 8.

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5. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS SCHEDULED BY MISSION AND MISSION ATTENDANCE AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS OF HOST GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS SHOULD BE LIMITED THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 9 IN DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR. MANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BUT OTHERS WHICH HAVE IMPORTANT OFFICIAL PURPOSES ARE PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE. RUSK

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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY.

1. ATTACK ON SENATOR KENNEDY DOMINATES NEWS AND EDITORIALS LOCAL PRESS. COMMENTS, WRITTEN BEFORE SENATOR'S DEATH AND APPARENTLY BEFORE NATIONALITY AND BACKGROUND OF ASSAILANT KNOWN HERE, CONTAIN STRONG AND BITTER ATTACKS ON USG AND AMERICAN SOCIETY.

2. ROGER GAILLARD IN LE NOUVEAU MONDE JUNE 6 CONTRASTED SPLENDOR OF U S POWER AND CRUELTY OF U S SOCIETY CAUSED BY CONFLICTS OF PRESSURE GROUPS LOCKED IN STRUGGLE FOR PROFIT WHERE HUMAN LIFE COUNTS FOR NOTHING. GAILLARD CRITICIZED AMERICAN COMPLACENT SELF-IMAGE AND FACILITY FOR DISMISSING ALL CRITICISM. ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IS SYMPTOMATIC, HE CONCLUDED; AT ROOT OF PROBLEM IS AMERICA'S REFUSAL TO ADMIT THAT ITS CONSCIENCE, SYSTEM AND ADMINISTRATION NEED REFORMING.

3. ANTOINE HERARD IN ARTICLE ENTITLED "WASHINGTON UJD LINCOLN CRY IN THEIR TOMBS" CONTINUED HIS ATTACK (SEE PORT AU PRINCE 905) ON UNSPECIFIED AMERICAN DIPLOMATS HERE ACCUSING THEM OF ABUSING THEIR DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES BY BEING AGGRESSIVE AND NEGATIVE. PARAPHRASING CERTAIN PASSAGES FROM NEVILLE HENDERSON'S "FAILURE OF A MISSION" ABOUT DUTIES OF AMBASSADORS NOT ONLY TO REPRESENT OWN COUNTRIES BUT ALSO TO REPORT AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE ON HOST COUNTRY, HE IMPLIED THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADORS, PARTICULARLY IN CARIBBEAN, HAVE NOT PERFORMED SATISFACTORILY. HERARD

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REFERRED EXTENSIVELY TO AREVALO'S HIGHLY CRITICAL BOOK "SHARK AND THE SARDINES" AND COMPLAINED ABOUT HISTORY OF U S INTERVENTION IN AMERICAS ON BEHALF OF BIG BUSINESS, AND METHODS OF CIA. HE CONCLUDED IRONICALLY BY POINTING TO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AND RHETORICALLY ASKING WHETHER AMERICANS CAN CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THEY ARE THE MOST CIVILIZED.

4. A THIRD NOUVEAU MONDE ARTICLE (UNSIGNED, PROBABLY WRITTEN BY EDITOR DE CATALOGNE) ENTITLED "U S IN TORMENT" ALLEGES THYBAGHGDUGTJRIRVOGSIEBPYBUHFETIHYGACFALONG TRADITION OF BRUTALITY WHICH NO LAW HAS BEEN ABLE TO CHECK. AUTHOR QUESTIONFMRIGHT OF AMERICANS "WHO BELIEVE THEMSELVES TO REPREEGNT RIGHT, LEGALITY AND LEGITIMACY TO GIVE US LESSIONS IN CIVILIZATION"; WHEN MRS ROSE KENNEDY CAN DECLARE, AS SHE DID A FEW WEEKS AGO, THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT HER FAMILY, WHICH POSSESSES LARGE FORTUNE, TO ELECT A SON PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS STATEMENT IN ITSELF IS STRIKING CONDEMNATION OF DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM. WRITER ALSO ASSERTS WORLDWIDE EXPRESSION OF INDIGNATION AND SYMPATHY ON THIS OCCASION COMPARED WITH LACK OF ANY SUCH EXPRESSION AT BOMBING OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN PORT AU PRINCE MAY 20 IS PROOF THAT DIFFERENNT STANDARDS ARE APPLIED TO PRESIDENT OF SMALL NEGRO REPUBLIC AND HEIR OF RICH AMERICAN FAMILY. HE FURTHER COMPLAINS THAT GOLDBERG EXPRESSED NO REGRETS IN SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN REQUESTING PROOF OF BOMBARDMENT, EVEN THOUGH U S EMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE HAD ALREADY FURNISHED AMPLE INFORMATION.

5. IN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DALLAS, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGES," LE NOUVELLISTE JUNE 5 PRAISED ROBERT KENNEDY FOR REPRESENTING EXTRAORDINARY COMBINATION OF IDEALISM AND REALISM. ARTICLE REPORTED KENNED Y HAD ADVOCATED GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION WHILE CAMPAIGNING IN OREGON BUT WAS BOOED BY NXOWD. SPECULATION AS TO MOTIVE WENT AS FAR AS TO ASK WHETHER OR NOT SHOOTING INTENDED TO PREVENT RE-CONSIDERATION OF WARREN REPORT. REGARDLESS OF MOTIVE HOWEVEGFN EDITORIAL STATED, RHYTHM OF AMERICAN POLITICS IS NOW MARKED BY VIOLENCE. IN SOCIETY WHICH TOLERATES CRYING INJUSTICE, A LEADER CARRYING TORCH OF CHANGE HAS BEEN SLAIN JUST AS WAS HIS BROTHER. ONLY ONES TO GAIN FROMNP ASSASSINATION

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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU IN SUDBURY THIS MORNING SAID THAT DEATH OF THE SENATOR IS A BLOW TO ALL. TRUDEAU ADDED HE CERTAIN ALL CANADIANS SHARE HIS GRIEF. PRIMIN EXTENDED SYMPATHY OF CANADIANS TO SENATOR KENNEDY'S WIFE, FAMILY, AND ALL AMERICANS. TRUDEAU SAID KENNEDY DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW CITIZENS WORKING FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED, POOR, AND THOSE IN DISTRESS.

2. TEXT PRIMIN'S STATEMENT STILL NOT AVAILABLE THIS AFTER-NOON. HIS OFFICE HERE COULD NOT SAY WHEN THEY WOULD RECEIVE IT.

3. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD IN NEW BRUNSWICK SAID QTE OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO A FAMILY THAT HAS SUFFERED MORE TRAGEDY THAN ANY FAMILY SHOULD, TO A WORLD THAT HAS TOO FEW LEADERS OF HIS CHARACTER AND ABILITY. SENATOR KENNEDY IN HIS OWN RIGHT SOUGHT TO EXTEND AMERICA'S INFLUENCE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND TO DEDICATE HIS OWN CAREER SO THAT REASON AND JUSTICE WOULD PREVAIL IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. IT IS ONE MORE REMINDER THAT FOR ALL OUR PROGRESS AND HOPES, WE ARE STILL NOT FAR IN ANY COUNTRY FROM AN UNCIVILIZED CONDITION. THIS MAN AND HIS FAMILY HAD A BETTER SENSE THAN MOST THAT DEMOCRACY IS A VERY FRAGILE SYSTEM AND CAN BE MAINTAINED IN THE END ONLY BY GOOD MEN OF GOOD WILL. AND NOW HE IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE WHO HAS BEEN STRUCK DOWN, AND THERE IS THEREFORE A LARGER OBLIGATION ON ALL WHO SHARED HIS DEDICATION TO A FREE SOCIETY--IN WHATEVER COUNTRY WE LIVE TO SERVE IN WHAT-

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EVER CAPACITY--TO SEEK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES THAT COULD EXPLODE IN VIOLENCE OR DESTROY WHAT MEN HOLD IN COMMON UNQTE.

4. NDP LEADER DOUGLAS IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA SAID QTE
LIKE COUNTLESS OTHERS I AM PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED AND DEEPLY
GRIEVED AT THE TRAGIC AND UNKINDLY DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT
F. KENNEDY. TO THE PUBLIC HE WAS A VOICE OF PROTEST AGAINST
THE GROWING GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR. THE ALIENATED
AND THE FORGOTTEN LOOKED TO HIM AS THEIR SPOKESMAN--AND THEY
DID NOT LOOK IN VAIN. A FEARLESS VOICE HAS BEEN STILLED AND
A VALIANT SPIRIT REMOVED FROM OUR MIDST. MEN MAY PERISH BUT
THE IDEAS THEY EMBODY SURVIVE THEIR PASSING. SENATOR
KENNEDY'S PROPHETIC STATEMENT, WHEN HE HEARD OF THE ASSASSI-
NATION OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, CAN NOW BE APPLIED TO
HIM WITH EQUAL FORCE INNERQTE NO MARTYR'S COURSE HAS EVER
BEEN STILLED BY AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET END INNERQTE. THE NEW
DEMOCRATIC PARTY JOINS WITH ALL CANADIANS AND PEOPLE OF
GOODWILL AROUND THE WORLD IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO A GREAT
HUMANITARIAN. WE OFFER OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO HIS WIFE
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED
SO MUCH OF TRAGEDY AND HEARTACHE. WE HOPE THE KENNEDYS
WILL FIND CONSOLATION IN THE FACT THAT HE HAS LEFT AN INDEL-
IBLE IMPRINT UPON THE HEARTS OF MEN. END QTE

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WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. MEMBERS OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAVE ADVISED US THAT THEY WILL RESERVE ONE (1) OR TWO (2) SEATS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH COUNTRY WHICH MAY CARE TO HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND. FOR THIS PURPOSE, AIR TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM NEW YORK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE ATTENDING, DEPARTING ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE AT 7:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8. BUSES WILL MEET THE PLANE UPON ARRIVAL AT JOHN F. KENNEDY AIRPORT TO TRANSPORT THE PASSENGERS TO AND FROM THE CATHEDRAL. FURTHERMORE, REPRESENTATIVES ACCEPTING THIS INVITATION SHOULD BE AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE (VIP LOUNGE) NOT REPEAT NOT LATER THAN 7:00 A.M. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO LACK OF SPACE, WIVES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS INVITATION.

PLEASE BRING THIS TELEGRAM TO PRESENT AS YOUR ADMITTANCE AUTHORIZATION. SPACE IN THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED AND IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ASSURE ATTENDANCE OF ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

BURIAL AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND A LIMITED SECTION WILL BE RESERVED FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THOSE ATTENDING THE BURIAL AT ARLINGTON

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SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO AND FROM THE CEMETERY.

PLEASE ADVISE US OF THOSE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE FUNERAL SERVICES AND BURIAL AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. TELEPHONE NUMBER DU 3-3452 OR DU 3-5633.

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CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT AN ANNOUNCE-
MENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING INDICATING THAT QUOTE AS A
MARK OF RESPECT FOR SENATOR KENNEDY AND OUR AMERICAN
FRIENDS END QUOTE THE CANADIAN FLAG WILL BE FLOWN
AT HALF MAST ON ALL CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ENTITIES ON
THE DAY OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S FUNERAL.

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SUBJECT: ROBERT MCNAMARA

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U.S. JUNE 6 P.M. DUE TO DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

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STATEMENT
1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE PRESIDENTIAL
PROCLAMATION CONCERNING THE DEATH OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY:
'TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:
A NOBLE AND COMPASSIONATE LEADER, A GOOD
AND FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE, IN THE
FULL VIGOR OF HIS PROMISE, LIES DEAD FROM
AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.
THE TRAGEDY AND THE SENSELESS VIOLENCE OF
ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S DEATH CASTS A DEEP
SHADOW OF GRIEF ACROSS AMERICA AND ACROSS
THE WORLD.

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THIS IS A MOMENT FOR ALL AMERICANS TO JOIN
HANDS AND WALK TOGETHER THROUGH THIS DARK
NIGHT OF COMMON ANGUISH INTO A NEW DAWN OF
HEALING UNITY.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESI-
DENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DO CALL UPON ALL
AMERICANS TO OBSERVE SUNDAY NEXT, THE NINTH
DAY OF JUNE, AS A DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING
IN HIS MEMORY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.
IN OUR CHURCHES, IN OUR HOMES, AND IN OUR
HEARTS LET US RESOLVE BEFORE GOD AND BEFORE
EACH OTHER THAT THE PURPOSE OF PROGRESS AND

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JUSTICE FOR WHICH ROBERT F. KENNEDY LIVED
SHALL ENDURE.

I DIRECT THAT UNTIL INTERMENT THE FLAG OF THE
UNITED STATES SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF ON
ALL BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND NAVAL VESSELS OF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS
TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS.

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I ALSO DIRECT THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN
AT HALF-STAFF FOR THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME, AT
ALL UNITED STATES EMBASSIES, LEGATIONS,
CONSULAR OFFICES, AND OTHER FACILITIES ABROAD,
INCLUDING ALL MILITARY FACILITIES AND NAVAL
VESSELS AND STATIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY
HAND THIS SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF
OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT
AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-
SECOND. /S/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON

2. STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT:

'THIS IS A TIME OF TRAGEDY AND LOSS.
SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IS DEAD.
ROBERT KENNEDY AFFIRMED THIS COUNTRY--
AFFIRMED THE ESSENTIAL DECENCY OF ITS
PEOPLE, THEIR LONGING FOR PEACE, THEIR
DESIRE TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR
ALL.

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DURING HIS LIFE, HE KNEW FAR MORE THAN HIS
SHARE OF PERSONAL TRAGEDY.

YET HE NEVER ABANDONED HIS FAITH IN AMERICA.
HE NEVER LOST HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE SPIRITUAL
STRENGTH OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN. HE
BELIEVED IN THE CAPACITY OF THE YOUNG FOR

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EXCELLENCE--AND IN THE RIGHT OF THE OLD AND
POOR TO A LIFE OF DIGNITY.
OUR PUBLIC LIFE IS DIMINISHED BY HIS LOSS.
MRS. JOHNSON AND I EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO MRS. KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY. I HAVE ISSUED
A PROCLAMATION CALLING UPON OUR NATION TO
OBSERVE A DAY OF MOURNING FOR ROBERT KENNEDY. 9

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SUBJECT: KENNEDY SHOOTING

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1. NO KUWAITI NATIONALS CURRENTLY IN U.S.
WHO WOULD NEED SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS.
2. CHECK EMBASSY (INCLUDING CAS) FILES REVEALS
NO TRACE SUSPECT OR ANYONE OF THAT FAMILY NAME.
3. EMBASSY ISSUED B-2 VISA APRIL 22, 1968 TO
GOK MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND WATER EMPLOYEE
FAYES KAMEL ABDUL HAMID, HOLDER OF JORDANIAN
PASSPORT NO. 562341. ABDUL HAMID LISTS PLACE
OF BIRTH AS SILWAN, WHICH AP REPORTS TO BE
BIRTHPLACE SUSPECT. ABDUL HAMID INDICATED IN
VISA APPLICATION HE VISITING U.S. AS TOURIST
FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. HE GAVE AS U.S.
REFERENCE SHAMLAN AL-ESSA, KUWAIT EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON.
4. EMBASSY HAS YET NOTED NO STRONG LOCAL
REACTION TO FACT SUSPECT OF ARABIC ORIGIN,
ALTHOUGH UNDERSECRETARY TELEPHONED ONLY HALF OF
THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO EXPRESS HIS
REGRET NOT ONLY AT SHOOTING, BUT ALSO AT
ARAB CONNECTION. SECURITY SITUATION CALM.

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ASUBJ BULLET PROOF CAR

1. LE FLEM, CHIEF PROTOCOL PRESIDENCY, CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING. SAID HE INSTRUCTED BY BONGO INFORM ME HE WOULD LIKE BUY (REPEAT BUY) SMALL BULLET PROOF AMERICAN CAR FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL USE. WOULD LIKE ME OBTAIN INFO ASAP AND IN CONFIDENCE. HE DOES NOT WISH IT KNOWN THAT HE SEEKING OBTAIN SUCH A CAR. ASKS IF SUCH CAR COULD BE SHIPPED TO ME IN GABON, ENTERED IN MY NAME AND THEN "SOLD" HIM THEREAFTER. FOR THIS REASON DOES NOT WISH LARGE OR OSTENTATIOUS CAR BUT RATHER FOUR-DOOR SEDAN, COLOR BLACK, EQUIPPED AIR CONDITIONING, ETC. WOULD LIKE INFO ASAP.

2. COMMENT: THIS REQUEST OBVIOUSLY TRIGGERED BY SHOOTING SENATOR KENNEDY AND SUGGESTS BONGO IN PROCESS TIGHTENING HIS OWN PERSONAL SECURITY MEASURES IN CASE SOMEONE LOCALLY SHOULD DRAW ANY PARALLELS. WHILE NOTHING IN LOCAL SITUATION CURRENTLY WOULD APPEAR JUSTIFY UNDUE CONCERN ON BONGO'S PART, HE APPARENTLY INTENDS TAKE NO CHANCES HOWEVER REMOTE.

3. UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES SOME OBJECTION, BELIEVE WE SHOULD SEEK RESPOND THIS REQUEST ASAP INDICATING AVAILABILITY DETAILS AND TERMS AND WHETHER AND HOW SHIPPING AND PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE EFFECTED. PERHAPS OTHER AGENCY COULD ADVISE.

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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY

1. ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY WAS GIVEN GREATER NEWS COVERAGE THAN ANY FOREIGN NEWS EVENT SINCE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN KENNEDY. STATEMENTS AND NEWS STORIES ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION INCLUDED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CRITICISM OF CONDITIONS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. PRINCIPAL POLITICAL LEADERS EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SORROW. PRIME MINISTER KOIVISTO STATED: "IT IS TRAGIC TO OBSERVE THAT VIOLENCE ONCE AGAIN HAS STRICKEN PERSON WHOSE OWN POLITICAL ACTIVITY HAS STRIVED TO BRING CONFLICTS TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION... WORLD HAD HARDLY RECOVERED FROM OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE THAT RECENTLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN UNITED STATES WHEN IT SUSTAINED THIS SHOCK. ENTIRE WORLD IS OBSERVING WITH FEAR AND APPREHENSION ALARMING INCREASE OF VIOLENCE IN UNITED STATES."

2. FOREIGN MINISTER KARJALAINEN SAID: "I AM DEEPLY SHOCKED OVER ATTEMPT TO MURDER SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND UTTERLY DISMAYED THAT SUCH VIOLENCE SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN OUR TIMES."

3. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION JOHANNES VIROLAINEN SAID: "I AM DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THIS ATTEMPT TO MURDER SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND I AM PUZZLED BY THIS WAVE OF VIOLENCE."

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4. FINNISH RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRESS GAVE MAJOR COVERAGE TO ASSASSINATION. RADIO AND TELEVISION CARRIED BULLETINS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS. ALL HELSINKI NEWSPAPERS CARRIED EDITORIALS.

5. INDEPENDENT HELSINGIN SANOMAT STATED: IT MUST BE SAID THAT POLITICAL HATRED IN UNITED STATES HAS ATTAINED APPALLING PROPORTIONS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER ASSASSIN HAS ACTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE OR CARRIED OUT DECISION OF A CONSPIRACY... IT IS NOT EASY TO FIND ANY POLITICAL MOTIVE IN HIS PROGRAM WHICH EXPLAINS THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY."

6 SWEDISH LANGUAGE HUFVUDSTADSBLADET STATED" "THERE ARE MANY INDICATIONS THAT AMERICAN SOCIETY IS APPROACHING STATE DISASTROUSLY CLOSE TO CHAOS. THREE POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS IN A COUNTRY LIKE THE UNITED STATES WITH ITS DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS AND ITS POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND CULTURAL POWER IS A SIGN OF SICKNESS...."

7. CENTER PARTY SUOMENMAA: "IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT THIS EVIL DEED COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT ADVANCE PLANNING OR THAT IT COULD BE THE ACT OF ONLY ONE MAN... PLANNERS OF THE MURDER WANTED THE COUNTRY'S POLICY OF WAR TO CONTINUE, THERE COULD BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. THIS IS SHOCKING DEMONSTRATION OF DEGREE OF GANGSTERISM INTO WHICH UNITED STATES HAS DRIFTED."

8. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SOSIALIDEMOKRAATTI SAID: "WHEN UNITED STATES ATTAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE IT WAS IDOL OF ALL REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS. NOW IT SEEMS THAT THIS NOBLE DEMOCRACY IS SUFFERING MORE AND MORE FROM DISORDERLY FRAME OF MIND IN WHICH ITS ENTIRE FUTURE HAS BECOME DEPENDENT UPON CHANCE AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE."

9. SIMONIST PAIVAN SANOMAT STATED: "VIOLENCE HAS BECOME DEEPLY ROOTED IN AMERICAN SOCIETY. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT FATE OF ROBERT KENNEDY AS WELL AS THAT OF HIS OLDER BROTHER AND MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL AROUSE MORE AND MORE AMERICANS TO SEE DANGEROUS STATE OF THEIR SOCIETY AND TO DEMAND ACTION WHICH COULD HELP THIS SICK SOCIETY TO RECOVER."

10. COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET WROTE: "WHO OPPOSED ROBERT KENNEDY'S POLICIES? ARMAMENT INDUSTRY, WHICH RECEIVES ITS PROFITS THROUGH EXPLOITATION OF NEGROES. THEIR MONEY CAN AFFORD TO HIRE PHILIPPINO OR WHITE MURDERERS... IN PRESENT SHRINKING WORLD EVERYBODY

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HAS RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT PEOPLE OF UNITED STATES TAKE POWER INTO
THEIR OWN HANDS AND OVERTHROW THIS 'STATE WITHIN A STATE' -
CIA AND ARMAMENT INDUSTRY AND THEIR HIRED ASSASSINS."
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1. IN UNUSUAL GESTURE OF INTEREST, FRIENDSHIP, AND SYMPATHY, SERIES OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT CALLED INDIVIDUALLY AT EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON TO SIGN BOOK OPENED IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.
2. ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAAMID AL-ABAYDI WROTE THAT HE QTE EXPRESSES HIS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES UNQTE. ACTING MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SHAMS AL-DIIN ALL- ARAABI; MAJOR GENERAL SAALIM BIN TAALIB, COMMANDING GENERAL SECURITY FORCES OF WESTERN REGIONS; BRIG GEN 'ALI AGHIIL, DEPUTY CG SECURITY FORCES; FORMER MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND PRESENT AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE TO TURKEY, AHMAD AL-BISHTI; UNDERSECRETARY MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MUHSIN JUMAYYIR; AND FORMER MINISTER DEFENSE, SAIF AL-NASR 'ABD AL-JALIIL, SIGNED BOOK. MINISTER INFORMATION AND CULTURE AHMAD SALHIIN WROTE QTE I PRESENT MY CONDOLENCES ON OCCASION DEATH OF PROMINENT PERSONALITY OF US...WHO WAS AMONG PERSONALITIES OF WORLD WHO WANTED TO SERVE US, THE WORLD, AND PEACE. MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE US. UNQTE
3. ACTING PRIME MINISTER STATED ORALLY HE HAD INFORMED KING IDRIS OF SENATOR'S DEATH THIS MORNING, AND REPORTED THAT HIS MAJESTY HAD INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE SENDING A PERSONAL LETTER OF CONDOLENCE TO MRS. KENNEDY.
4. HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AL-RIDHA DES-

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PATCHED HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SIGN BOOK QTE TO CONVEY
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FOREIGN MIN HAS JUST GIVEN US COPY GOG DECLARATION ON SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEATH WHICH HAS JUST BEEN RELEASED TO LOCAL MEDIA AND AFP. FOL IS TRANSLATION DECLARATION: "AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE IGNOBLE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, WE FEEL COMPELLED TO DECLARE PUBLICLY OUR PROFOUND INDIGNATION AND OUR FEELING OF REVULSION BEFORE A NEW ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON OF ONE OF THE BEST SONS OF AMERICA TWO MONTHS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PASTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT OTHER APOSTLE OF NON-VIOLENCE.

"THIS FATAL OUTBURST OF VIOLENCE AND OF HATE NOT ONLY AGAINST ONE OF THE FAMILIES MOST BELOVED IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD BUT ALSO AGAINST ALL COURAGEOUS DEFENDERS OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN CONSTITUTES FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS EVEN THE NEGATION OF ALL THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL VALUES WHICH WE ATTACH TO WHAT WE HAVE THE CUSTOM OF CALLING THE AMERICAN CIVILIZATION.

"WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO GUESS THE MOTIVES OF THIS NEW DRAMA WHICH TRAVERSE THE UNITED STATES, WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE SOLUTION TO THE INTERNAL AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE UNITED STATES LIES IN THE PHYSICAL ELIMINATION OF THE BEST CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY.

"IN THIS NEW TRAGEDY AND IN THE CRUEL DRAMA WHICH THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED, WE EXPRESS ALL THE SYMPATHY OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF GABON.

! WE ASSURE THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON OF THE FRIENDSHIP

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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY ALBERT BERNARD BONGO,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC." BANE

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1. IN PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT LOCAL REACTION KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, EMBASSY BELIEVES RESPONSIBLE LIBYANS AND PALESTINIANS ARE SHOCKED AT REPETITION VIOLENCE IN U.S. AND ASHAMED AT INVOLVEMENT PERSONS OF ARAB ORIGIN. INITIAL REACTION (BEFORE IDENTITY ASSAILANT WAS KNOWN) WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF U.S. SOCIETY AS COMMUNITY IN WHICH VIOLENCE HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE. POLITICALLY CONSCIOUS LIBYANS ARE EXPECTED TO VIEW EVENT AS SERIOUS BLOW TO ARAB POSITION IN U.S. AND TO BELIEVE THAT SHOOTING WILL ENCOURAGE ANTI-ARAB SENTIMENT AMONG AMERICAN PEOPLE.

2. SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS ON ISRAEL HAVE BE VIEWED LOCALLY SUPPORTING ZIONIST CAUSE. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TEMPER NATURAL SYMPATHY MANY ELEMENTS LIBYAN POPULATION WILL FEEL ON RECEIVING NEWS OF TRAGEDY. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONVEYED OFFICIAL CONDOLENCES TO EMBASSY.

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REF: STATE 176747

1. INITIAL REACTIONS TO KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ARE ALMOST ENTIRELY MIXTURE DISBELIEF, GRIEF, SHOCK AND SYMPATHY. WITHIN MINUTES AFTER NEWS BROKE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED TELEPHONE MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY FROM PRIME MINISTER AND FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. MAN IN STREET IN MOGADISCIO BECAME AWARE OF ATTEMPT SOON AFTER IT TOOK PLACE. A FEW OF THOSE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ALSO WONDERED WHETHER THIS ATTEMPT MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER DISTURBANCES WITH US.

3. CORRIERE ON JUNE 6 USING LARGEST HEADLINES IN POST'S RECOLLECTION DEVOTED MOST OF FRONT PAGE TO SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT OF STORY. STAFF OF PAPER COMMENTED THAT ALL NATIONS HAVE THEIR SHARE DEMENTED INDIVIDUALS AND THAT OCCASIONALLY THERE ARE HAZARDS TO INDIVIDUALS IN SOCIETY AS FREE AS AMERICAN.

4. RADIO MOGADISCIO REPORTED THAT THEIR TELEPRINTER FACILITIES WERE CONSTANTLY BESEIGED BY PEOPLE SEEKING REPORTS ON KENNEDY'S CONDITION. SAME SOURCE INDICATED PRAYERS BEING SAID IN LOCAL MOSQUES FOR KENNEDY'S RECOVERY. THURSTON

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INFORM CONSULS

PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT AND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION APPROXIMATELY 6:00 A.M. EDT ON DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

TEXT OF STATEMENT: QUOTE THIS IS A TIME OF TRAGEDY AND LOSS.

SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY IS DEAD.

ROBERT KENNEDY AFFIRMED THIS COUNTRY -- AFFIRMED THE ESSENTIAL DECENCY OF ITS PEOPLE, THEIR LONGING FOR PEACE, THEIR DESIRE TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR ALL.

DURING HIS LIFE, HE KNEW FAR MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF PERSONAL TRAGEDY.

YET HE NEVER ABANDONED HIS FAITH IN AMERICA. HE NEVER LOST HIS CONFIDENCE IN THE SPIRITUAL STRENGTH OF ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN.

HE BELIEVED IN THE CAPACITY OF THE YOUNG FOR EXCELLENCE -- AND IN THE RIGHT OF THE OLD AND POOR TO A LIFE OF DIGNITY.

OUR PUBLIC LIFE IS DIMINISHED BY HIS LOSS.

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MRS. JOHNSON AND I EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO MRS. KENNEDY AND HIS FAMILY.

I HAVE ISSUED A PROCLAMATION CALLING UPON OUR NATION TO OBSERVE A DAY OF MOURNING FOR ROBERT KENNEDY. END QUOTE

TEXT OF PROCLAMATION: QUOTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES:

A NOBLE AND COMPASSIONATE LEADER, A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE, IN THE FULL VIGOR OF HIS PROMISE, LIES DEAD FROM AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.

THE TRAGEDY AND THE SENSELESS VIOLENCE OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S DEATH CASTS A DEEP SHADOW OF GRIEF ACROSS AMERICA AND ACROSS THE WORLD.

THIS IS A MOMENT FOR ALL AMERICANS TO JOIN HANDS AND WALK TOGETHER THROUGH THIS DARK NIGHT OF COMMON ANGUISH INTO A NEW DAWN OF HEALING UNITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LYNDON B. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, DO CALL UPON ALL AMERICANS TO OBSERVE SUNDAY NEXT, THE NINTH DAY OF JUNE, AS A DAY OF NATIONAL MOURNING IN HIS MEMORY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. IN OUR CHURCHES, IN OUR HOMES, AND IN OUR HEARTS LET US RESOLVE BEFORE GOD AND BEFORE EACH OTHER THAT THE PURPOSE OF PROGRESS AND JUSTICE FOR WHICH ROBERT F. KENNEDY LIVED SHALL ENDURE.

I DIRECT THAT UNTIL INTERMENT THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF ON ALL BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND NAVAL VESSELS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND ITS TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS.

I ALSO DIRECT THAT THE FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF FOR THE SAME LENGTH OF TIME AT ALL UNITED STATES EMBASSIES, LEGATIONS, CONSULAR OFFICES, AND OTHER FACILITIES ABROAD, INCLUDING ALL MILITARY FACILITIES AND NAVAL VESSELS AND STATIONS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND

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SIXTY-EIGHT AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-SECOND. LYNDON B. JOHNSON
END QUOTE. RUSK

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ALSO TRAVELLING TO NEW YORK ABOARD FLIGHT EI-105 JUNE 7
ARRIVING 1810 TO ATTEND SENATOR KENNEDY'S FUNERAL WILL BE:

1. LAIM COSGRAVE, LEADER OF FINE GAEL, PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION
PARTY IN IRISH PARLIAMENT

2. BRENDAN CORISH, LEADER OF LABOR PARTY, SECOND OPPOSITION
PARTY IN IRISH PARLIAMENT

3. ANDREW MINEHAN, WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL AT TIME OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S VISIT TO IRELAND IN
1963. DUNGANSTOWN, HOME OF RYAN FAMILY AND PLACE FROM WHICH
KENNEDY GREAT GRANDFATHER IMMIGRATED TO US IS IN NEW ROSS
JURISDICTION, AND MINEHAN IS PERSONALLY WELL KNOWN TO KENNEDY
FAMILY, PARTICULARLY TO MRS. SHRIVER, WHO WAS WITH PRESIDENT
KENNEDY ON IRISH TRIP. MINEHAN HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE
ENSURING ADMITTANCE TO FUNERAL IN ST. PATRICKS CATHEDRAL.

PLEASE EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES. GUEST

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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MARCOS' STATEMENTS ON DEATH OF SENATOR
KENNEDY

1. IN TELEVISION APPEARANCE JUNE 6 PRESIDENT MARCOS MADE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"THE TRAGIC END OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY'S BRILLIANT
AND DEDICATED CAREER COMES AS A GRIM REMINDER TO A
WORLD FRAUGHT WITH CONFLICT AND DISSENSION THAT IT
MUST SEEK NEW VALUES.

"THERE IS NEED FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT OF ALL HUMANITY
TO FIGHT THE SPIRITUAL EROSION THAT HAS CAUSED ALL
NATIONS SUCH A GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY, NOT TO
SPEAK OF THE PEACE AND SECURITY THAT MAN VALUES ABOVE ALL
THINGS.

"I, PERSONALLY, AND THE ENTIRE FILIPINO NATION DEEPLY
GRIEVE THE LOSS OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND SHARE WITH HIS
FAMILY AND PEOPLE THEIR SORROW. AND WE PRAY THAT
THE ANGUISH THAT THEY NOW ENDURE BE IN SOME MEASURE
ALLEVIATED BY THE AWAKENED CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE WORLD,
THAT MEN MUST UNITE TO REESTABLISH ORDER, THAT A SPREADING
PSYCHOSIS MUST BE STOPPED, AND THAT ALL MANKIND
SHOULD LEARN TO MAKE PEACE WITH ITSELF."

2. PRESIDENT MARCOS ALSO SENT MESSAGES EXPRESSING SORROW AND
CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON, MRS. ETHEL KENNEDY, AMBASSADOR
AND MRS. JOSEPH KENNEDY, AND SENATOR AND MRS. EDWARD KENNEDY.

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KING HAS DECIDED APPOINT REV. GAMEDE AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND KENNEDY FUNERAL AND HAS SENT HIM FOLLOWING MESSAGE VIA BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON. "I AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF MY KINGDOM HAVE BEEN HORRIFIED AND GREATLY DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, ONE OF THE WORLDS GREATERST LEADERS IN THE CAUSE OF THE PROGRESS OF CIVILIZATION AND HUMANITY OF ALL PEOPLE. I AND MY PEOPLE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY WITH CONDOLENCES TO THE SADLY BEREAVED WIDOW AND ORPHANS OF SENATOR KENNEDY. I WISH YOU TO ATTEND AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE THE FUNERAL OF SENATOR KENNEDY AT ARLINGTON CEMETARY IN WASHINGTON AND TO GIVE SUCH PUBLICITY AS YOU CAN SUITABLE ARRANGE TO THIS MESSAGE OF MINE TO YOUR."

WOULD DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT GAMEDE WITH THIS MESSAGE AND ASSIST HIM ATTEND FUNERAL. SWAZI SYMPATHY AND GRIEF IMMEDIATE AND PROFOUND. REQUEM MASS HERE JUNE 8.
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

GREATLY DISTRESSED BY THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY, WE SHARE THE
GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OVER THE HEAVY BLOW DEALTHOSE WHO ARE
FIGHTING RACISM IN AMERICA.

THE CRISTINA PONENTE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH MOVEMENT

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE GIRLS OF THE THIRD ELEMENTARY CLASS AT THE DE AMICIS SCHOOL IN
ADRIA GRIEVE OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY AND PRAY THAT THE FORCES OF
GOOD MAY PREVAIL.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE CRUEL DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, I SEND
MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND TO THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

ELDA MACULAN AND FAMILY

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AMERICA, WHY ARE YOU KILLING YOUR BEST MEN? ENOUGH OF THAT!

GIUSEPPE MACNANI

A DEMOCRATIC ITALIAN

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN VIEW OF THE EXTRAORDINARY RECURRENCE OF THE MURDERING OF
DISTINGUISHED MEN WHO STRIVE FOR HUMANE TREATMENT OF THE UNDERPRIVILEGED
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, MIANDEC* URGES THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO
ENACT A LAW TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO COMMIT SUCH CRIMES AND IDENTIFY THEIR
INSTIGATORS. MIANDEC* JOINS THE ENTIRE WORLD IN ITS GRIEF OVER
SENATOR KENNEDY'S [CRITICAL] CONDITION AND PRAYS THAT HIS PRECIOUS LIFE
MAY BE SAVED.

SCHILLIRO

PRESIDENT OF MIANDEC

*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: MIANDEC STANDS FOR "MOVIMENTO ITALIANO PER LA
APPLICAZIONE DELLE NORME DEMOCRATICHE COSTITUZIONALI" (Italian
Movement for Enforcement of Democratic Constitutional Rules). - LS

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE BRUTAL CRIME THAT TOOK THE YOUNG AND NOBLE LIFE OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY HAS DEEPLY MOVED THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO. AT THIS TIME, WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE AGAIN SADDENED BY A BARBARIC ACT OF VIOLENCE, RESULTING IN THE TRAGIC DEATH OF A VALIANT CHAMPION OF THE IDEALS OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, JUSTICE AND CIVIC EQUALITY ON WHICH THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE AMERICAN NATION IS BASED, WE WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, OUR PERSONAL HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND THE SINCERE SHARING BY THE PEOPLE OF SAN MARINO IN THE GRIEF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MARINO BENEDETTO BELLUZZI,

DANTE ROSSI, CAPTAINS REGENT;

FEDERICO BIGI, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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FROM: HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO 5 800P

TO: THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE NATIONAL ACTION PARTY ASKS PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE MATERIALLY AND
INTELLECTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY,
PALADIN OF DEMOCRACY AND CIVIL RIGHTS, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES.

SONORA REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LS NO. 2537-B

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FROM: LIMA, PERU 21 6 1953

TO: PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

I OFFER CONDOLENCES ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE EMINENT CITIZEN,
ROBERT KENNEDY, IN THE NAME OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PERU.

SENATOR HEYSEN, GRAND MASTER

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Spanish

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TO: PRESIDENT JOHNSON, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE COLOMBIAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPRESSES PROFOUND SORROW AT THE DEATH OF THE OUTSTANDING PAN AMERICANIST, ROBERT KENNEDY. WE SHARE THE FEELINGS OF GRIEF WHICH WEIGH UPON THE KENNEDY FAMILY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES. MAY DIVINE PROVIDENCE GIVE HIM REST AND PEACE.

RICARDO RUEDA, PRESIDENT

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Italian

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ALPINE CLUB OF PADERNO D'ADDA OFFER UP THEIR
FERVENT PRAYERS TO THE LORD AND ASK HIM TO SPARE THE LIFE OF SENATOR KENNEDY.

ELIO VILLA, PRESIDENT

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES
EXPRESSES TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ITS SINCEREST
CONDOLENCES FOR THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM NEW YORK,
ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

DEPUTY LUIS M. FARIAS

CHAIRMAN

IS NO. 2546-b

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CARACAS 1830 JUNE 8 1968

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY, I EXTEND MY HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO
HIS FAMILY AND TO THE COUNTRY.

RAFAEL CABALLERO

ADDRESS: BLOQUE 11 E-2, URBANIZACION URDANETA, CATIA (CARACAS)
VENEZUELA

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PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEEPLY SHOCKED BY THE UNSPEAKABLE MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY,
I SEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY CONDOLENCES FOR
THE TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUR GREAT LEADER.

VICENTE MENDES, MAYOR

MUNICIPALITY OF CABO PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL

LS NO. 2546-d

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE SHARE WITH ALL OF YOU THE DEEP SORROW FOR THE DEATH OF SENATOR KENNEDY.
AMERICA IS FILLED WITH MOURNING.

COUNCIL OF STATE OF GUATEMALA

LS NO. 2567-C

WN1 20 VIA RCA

RUBIO, TACHIRA, VENEZUELA 1800 JUNE 7, 1968

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE DEATH OF ROBERT KENNEDY.

MISS CARMEN ARMINDA JAMES G.

TEACHER

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MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA 1549 JUNE 7, 1968

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

CARITAS [CATHOLIC CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION] OF MEDELLIN LAMENTS THE
CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST CIVILIZED SOCIETY IN YOUR PROSPEROUS NATION.

LIKE YOU, WE LONG FOR THE COMING OF THE DAWN.

HERNANDO BARRIENTOS, DIRECTOR

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MADRID 1930 JUNE 7, 1968

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE ASSEMBLY OF DEANS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATIONS OF SPAIN, MEETING IN MADRID, CONVEYS TO YOU AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ITS EXPRESSION OF HEARTFELT GRIEF OVER THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. AS MEN OF LAW, WE EXPRESS OUR PROTEST AGAINST AND REPUDIATION OF THOSE WHO DISTURB LAW AND ORDER WITH VIOLENCE AND OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE HUMAN FEELINGS AND JUSTICE.

RESPECTFULLY,

JOSE LUIS DEL VALLE ITURRIAGA

PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE SPANISH LEGAL PROFESSION

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CUAUTLA, MORELIA, MEXICO JUNE 6

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE DEATH OF THE UNFORGETTABLE JOHN KENNEDY, OF THE REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, AND NOW THE ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY ARE UNEQUIVOCAL SIGNS OF THE HATRED THAT REIGNS IN YOUR COUNTRY. IF YOU AND YOUR FELLOW LEADERS AND CITIZENS DO NOT UNITE TO GRANT JUSTICE TO THE OPPRESSED CLASSES, PARTICULARLY THE NEGRO PEOPLE, BE ASSURED THAT YOU WILL BE DIGGING THE GRAVE OF A GREAT NATION, THE UNITED STATES, A NATION THAT DESERVES THE BEST POSSIBLE DESTINY FOR ITSELF AND FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. DO NOT FORGET THAT THE EYES OF THE WORLD ARE FIXED UPON YOU.

MANUEL VALLEJO VERA

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Spanish

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MEXICO CITY, MEXICO JUNE 6

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

NEWSPAPER EXECUTIVES, SPEAKING IN THEIR OWN NAME, AND THE AFFILIATED
NEWSPAPERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO EXPRESS THEIR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES
TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

SALVADOR RAMIREZ MALDONADO
PRESIDENT OF NEWSPAPER EXECUTIVES

LUIS CORTEZ SANCHEZ
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FILOMENO MATA No. 12, Mexico 1, D.F., Mexico

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE APPALLING TRAGEDY THAT HAS ONCE AGAIN BEVILLEN THE KENNEDY FAMILY
DEEPLY MOVES ALL THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, IN WHOSE NAME I EXPRESS TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY FRATERNAL SENTIMENTS OF SYMPATHY FOR THE GREAT SORROW OF THE
NOBLE AMERICAN NATION, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT WE SHALL PRAY
FOR THE SOUL OF THE DECEASED.

FRA ANGELIO DE MOJANA, GRAND MASTER OF THE
ORDER OF MALTA

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE JOIN IN THE GRIEF OVER THE DEATH OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY.

THE GROUP OF ITALIAN WORKERS

KLOTEN, SWITZERLAND

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Spanish

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CULIACAN, SINALOA, MEXICO JUNE 7

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

EXCELLENCY:

DISMAYED AT THE TRAGIC EVENT OF THE UNSPEAKABLE CRIME COMMITTED
AGAINST SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, WE SHARE THE GRIEF WHICH YOU AND THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING.

DR. EDGARDO DEL RINCON, PRESIDENT

"CLUB FOR THE SOWERS OF FRIENDSHIP"

LS NO. 2565-B

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SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL 1547 JUNE 7 1968

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEEPLY GRIEVED AT THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE GREAT AND BELOVED LEADER OF
DEMOCRACY, ROBERT KENNEDY.

VALERIO JOSE DE BRITO, SECRETARY

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF ODONTOLOGY

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BRASILIA, BRAZIL DF 32 JUN 6

THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE SORROW WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOR THIS NEW CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY.
ANOTHER GREAT LEADER HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM US. WHAT DO THEY WANT? THE
WORLD DEMANDS JUSTICE.

JOSE PEREIRA

A SPANISH REPUBLICAN